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Little dissent within government

Israeli public favors restraint

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JERUSALEM —

Two and a half weeks after Iraq began launching missiles at Israel's dense population centres, the prevailing view in the country is still to postpone retaliation.

A survey carried out by the Guttman Institute of Applied Social Research showed that 80 per cent of Israelis think Israel should continue to exercise restraint by not responding immediately to the Iraqi missile attacks.

The Likud government, the Labor party, the left-wing opposition, the chief of staff of the IDF, and most of the Hebrew press maintain this view.

But there is some dissent within the ranks of both Likud and Labor, with leading personalities such as Ariel Sharon, Ezer Weizmann and Motta Gur coming out against restraint. They are joined by the right-wing parties, a few respected military analysts and the Jerusalem Post.

The government has tried to present the dilemma and perhaps genuinely sees it in these terms — as one of emotion versus rationality. "The people of Israel expect us to act with our heads, not our hearts," said Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

But for the most part, what has characterized the debate in Israel is the lack of emotion. For all the public outrage, there has not been a single popular demonstration calling for revenge for the Iraqi attacks. Even the people most directly affected by the missile attacks have maintained a surprisingly rational posture.

"I have no doubt that restraint is the correct policy right now," says Frank S., whose Ramat Gan apartment was destroyed by a Scud.

Moreover, most of the detractors of the restraint policy draw not on emotion, but on cold political and military considerations. In fact, in response to Netanyahu's characterization of the debate as one between the head and the heart, the Jerusalem Post headlined a recent editorial: Irrational Restraint.

It argued that by not responding to the Iraqi attacks, Israel is giving the Arab world the message that Israel can be attacked with impunity.

The commonly heard response to this argument is that Israel's overall policy regarding retaliation has not changed: note the IDF's unrestrained response to recent Katyusha rocket attacks from Lebanon. However, the present situation is a special case in which the risk of dragging the rest of the Arab world into the war is greater than the risk to Israel's image in the Arab world.

"I have no doubt that every night Saddam Hussein dreams of . . . provoking an Israeli response . . . in order to forge cracks in the coalition, stir up popular uprisings throughout the Arab world, and overturn Iran's neutrality," said Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Ehud Barak, in calling for further restraint earlier this week.

At the same time Barak announced that the IDF had detailed plans to eliminate Iraqi missiles and that while co-ordination with the United States was preferable, there would be specific situations in which Israel, exercising its basic right of self-defence, would simply "issue an appropriate announcement to those who should know."

Ehud Barak

This was a response to the second political argument invoked by the proponents of immediate retaliation, which is that Israel's hands are tied by the United States' reluctance to hand over friend-or-foe air force codes. Barak's statement made clear that it is not this that is holding Israel back.

But critics of restraint are also troubled by the toll the policy may take on other aspects of the U.S.-Israeli relationship. While proponents of the government policy believe restraint has fostered "unprecedented strategic co-operation" between Israel and the United States, detractors argue that it has led to "an unprecedented loss of Israeli sovereignty." Military analyst Ze'ev Schiff argues that Israel "should be proud of its partnership with the United States in this war against a dangerous dictator."

But the presence of U.S. soldiers on Israeli soil and the American efforts to eliminate the Iraqi missile threat to Israel are not cheered by all.

The Jerusalem Post counters that Israel may be perceived by its Arab enemies as "unable to fend for itself and totally dependent on the United States even when the very lives of its citizens are on the line," a perception which will make Israel seem "invitingly vulnerable."

Critics of restraint voice another fear: while it was the United States that urged Israel to exercise restraint, and in return, assumed the responsibility of eliminating the mobile missile launchers in Western Iraq, Americans may forget this. Instead what may remain is "the perception that American pilots had to risk their lives for Israel," writes the Jerusalem Post, noting U.S. Senator Sam Nunn's comment that American planes were being directed to Western Iraq to destroy missiles which posed no danger to American troops, but did threaten Israel.

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CHERNOBYL VICTIM TREATED

Five-year-old Natasha Yuchtenko, a leukemia patient from the U.S.S.R., invited by Kupat Holim for treatment at Beilinson Medical Centre, is shown taking off her wig and putting on her gas mask. Her visit with her mother is part of the humanitarian aid extended by Kupat Holim to victims of the Chernobyl atomic reactor disaster. The guests have remained in Israel despite the war.

DIALLING FOR DOLLARS

Mark Gryfe, Toronto campaign director, mans the phone during UJA's all-out emergency cash drive. See story page 6.

Cabinet nominee urges Israel to strike back

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Brushing aside vocal opposition from his most powerful cabinet colleagues, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir named Rehavam Ze'evi, leader of the far right-wing Moledet Party, to the government Sunday as a minister without portfolio.

The 64-year-old Ze'evi, an Israel Defence Force reserve major-general, has publicly and repeatedly called for Israel to enter the Persian Gulf War and strike back at the Scud missile sites in western Iraq.

Contending that the government's policy of restraint, urged by the United States, has gravely eroded Israel's deterrent credibility, Ze'evi declared Sunday that he would continue fighting for his view "from within."

The fact that he will have a seat on the policy-making inner cabinet heightened fears from his opponents in that regard.

But the right-wing militant achieved notoriety at home and abroad long before the Gulf War by his advocacy of "voluntary transfer" of the Palestinian population out of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a proposal sharply at odds with Likud policy and widely regarded as a euphemism for expulsion.

Opponents of Ze'evi's appointment expressed serious concern that it would jeopardize Israel's newly won international good will and impair any future peace efforts with the Palestinians.

But Shamir assured the cabinet Sunday that the government's policies on both the war and the Palestinians would remain intact and unaffected by Ze'evi's joining it.

Shamir, nevertheless, had to face down a near revolt in his 19-member cabinet.

In a rare split with Shamir, his closest ally, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, spoke strongly against Ze'evi's appointment and abstained in the cabinet vote.

In an interview later with the NBC-TV affiliate in New York, Arens described Ze'evi's ideas as "totally abhorrent to the vast majority of Israelis." He said if Ze'evi wants to be part of the government, "he will simply have to leave these ideas behind."

Joining Arens in abstaining was another senior colleague, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

Foreign Minister David Levy was the most senior member of the government to vote flatly against Ze'evi's appointment. He warned that this cabinet reshuffle at this time would weaken rather than strengthen the governing coalition.

Justice Minister Dan Meridor and Health Minister Ehud Olmert, veteran Likud loyalists, also voted against Ze'evi. Both made statements calling his "transfer" policy "morally wrong" as well as politically impractical.

Meridor was quoted as terming Ze'evi's ideas "a moral abomination," and Olmert stressed to the media that "transfer" is opposed to everything Likud traditionally has stood for and believed in.

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Shelef condemns attacks

OTTAWA —

A message from the Ambassador of Israel to Canada, Itzhak Shelef:

Once again, the State of Israel, and we, the people of Israel, stand in a difficult hour.

For the sixth time since its modern independence only 42 years ago the Jewish state has been attacked by forces intent on its annihilation. And as you know, the attacks in the early dawn and morning hours were not by an army clashing on the battlefield with its enemy forces, or of warplanes engaging in the sky. They were the most cowardly of all attacks — in the black and dead of night and in the golden hour of early morning, against civilians. We are thankful to G-d that our casualties were slight.

Despite the geographical distance between Canada and Israel, there is a closeness of the heart, a closeness of the Jewish people.

We join to condemn the evil which launched the attacks, to identify, support and unite with its intended victim — the State of Israel, and to pay tribute to the alliance of forces, including those of Canada, arrayed against it.

We are joined as our brothers have been over countless generations, as our people have always assembled in times of crisis to find common cause and common rescue.

It is a call, my friends, for determined communal response.

In the present emergency, that response must be twofold in nature: defending the State of Israel and building it. Defending against all physical threat, and building for the unfolding, daily, miraculous ingathering of the Soviet aliya.

We are capable of defending ourselves and we shall defend ourselves.

To build our country to accommodate the unceasing influx of refugee-seeking Jews, however, we need even greater participation of the larger Jewish community. We cannot do it alone.

Nearly as many Soviet Jews, some 200,000, arrived in Israel in 1990 as arrived in all the 42 preced-

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Canada

Organizations forced to review 1991 budgets

Jewish groups tighten belts as funding reduced

CRUNCH in the Community

First in a series on the effects of the recession on the Jewish community

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Burt Abugov is as much struck by the irony as anyone.

Despite a record community fund-raising drive that reached about $92 million in Toronto alone, Jewish organizations, including Canadian Jewish Congress, are expected to tighten their belts and make do with less this year.

Abugov, director of the National Budgeting Conference (NBC), the forum where campaign funds are allocated to national organizations, has had the difficult task of informing the agencies that they can expect to receive, on average, 5.8 per cent less in 1991. Congress, one of the largest recipients of funds, will make do with a four per cent reduction compared to its 1990 allocation.

Coupled with an inflation rate of about five per cent, that means CJC and other organizations will experience about a 10 per cent real drop in operating revenues, said Herb Rosenfeld, chairman of NBC.

Though compelling the national organizations into difficult budgetary juggling, treasurers of the groups at one point were bracing themselves to handle a 10 per cent cut — a figure that was reached at a meeting of NBC's steering committee, held last November in San Francisco coincidentally with the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF).

That figure had marked a revision of an earlier estimate by NBC's national plenary that had frozen the 1991 programs at their 1990 levels — the first of the financial shocks that have buffeted the organizations. (Organizations usually budget for yearly increases in income.)

The steering committee's San Francisco decision quickly came under heated criticism, as the national groups were caught off guard. But, said Abugov, with financial sources down, "It was decided (in San Francisco) that we'd have to change the guidelines for 1991."

But on Jan. 21, a special expanded NBC steering committee met in Toronto to discuss 1991 allocations. Representatives of NBC and the major national organizations were there, along with senior officials of most community federations, which raise the money in their annual campaigns.

Following a six-hour meeting that Rosenfeld and Abugov described as "difficult" and "tense," the 5.8 per cent compromise figure was arrived at.

But with unprecedented generosity being displayed by Jewish contributors this year, why the need for cutbacks?

Much of it is related to the phenomenally successful Operation Exodus campaign to aid the settlement of Soviet Jews in Israel.

"When they launched the Operation Exodus campaign, the federated communities said they would raise the same amount as in 1989 and Operation Exodus would be a separate issue," Abugov said.

They encouraged a repeat of the 1989 pledge but asked for more for Soviet Jews.

Unfortunately, that hasn't been the way things have worked.

While Toronto alone expects to raise $55 million for Soviet resettlement (ranking it next in total dollars to New York City, which has a much larger Jewish population), its regular annual campaign will raise about $37 million, a $4 million drop in contributions from the previous year's total of $41 million.

"The campaign is not over," Abugov said, "but the recession is hurting and there are concerns over collections."

Montreal, with Canada's second largest Jewish population, will raise $30 million for Operation Exodus and about $34 million in its regular campaign, about the same as in last year's drive.

Campus groups feel squeeze

About eight to nine per cent of the funds raised by the federations' campaigns in each major city are allocated to the various national organizations through the NBC process.

A substantial percentage of the money raised goes to aid social and welfare programs in Israel with the remainder being used locally to fund services like education and federation programs.

With less money available overall for Canadian needs, there is less for distribution through NBC. Hence the need for belt-tightening.

NBC's decision to cut allocations means that organizations such as Network, the National Campaign Services Committee, the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges (CIFAE) and other campus groups will have to review their 1991 budgets even though they had already been tentatively approved, Abugov said.

"We are now telling them to replan their budgets to take into account the reduction.

"This is in effect close to a 10 per cent cut when you allow for inflation," he said. "It is going to be extremely hard on the agencies."

Far and away the largest beneficiary of community funds, raised through local campaigns and distributed through NBC, is JIAS. That organization, which services the needs of immigrants to Canada, will experience a seven per cent drop from its 1990 allocation.

But according to Rosenfeld, JIAS can make do with less because one of its main expenses is disappearing.

"We're finally arriving at clearing the last of the [Soviet Jewish] families in Europe," he said. "That was a substantial expenditure over the last few years, creating quite a burden for us after the U.S. government decided it wouldn't reimburse the Joint Distribution Committee [JDC]" for maintaining these people in Rome and Vienna.

Congress, the second largest recipient of NBC funds, will be hit hard, but not as badly as it had expected after the San Francisco meeting which had proposed a 10 per cent reduction.

Other organizations which will have to alter their budgets are the JDC; the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society; the Jewish Telegraphic Agency; and the Council of Jewish Federations (which in 1990 received funds for a demographic study).

Because of the cutbacks mandated by NBC, each organization has been sent back to the drawing board to determine how to cope with the monetary loss.

The decision to limit Congress' financial cutback to four per cent, from an anticipated 10 per cent, has served to cool some of the emotions that accompanied announcement of the larger cutback.

Congress officials were angry when they learned of the 10 per cent figure.

Moshe Ronen, chairman of the national executive, said the move by NBC's steering committee was "a slap in the face." He said Congress was shocked when it learned of the NBC cutback proposals.

"There is absolutely no way we can do it," he said.

Congress treasurer Richard Vineberg echoed those sentiments, saying the organization had planned its budget based on guidelines provided by NBC last summer.

Salaries were to be capped and no new programs planned, but "the 90 per cent caught us off guard."

Vineberg told a recent meeting of Congress' national council that it was "impossible" to revise the budget within the 10 per cent limit, given the short time available.

The difference in revenues from what was expected is so significant that budget planners felt unable to juggle allocations to meet the tough new guidelines, he said.

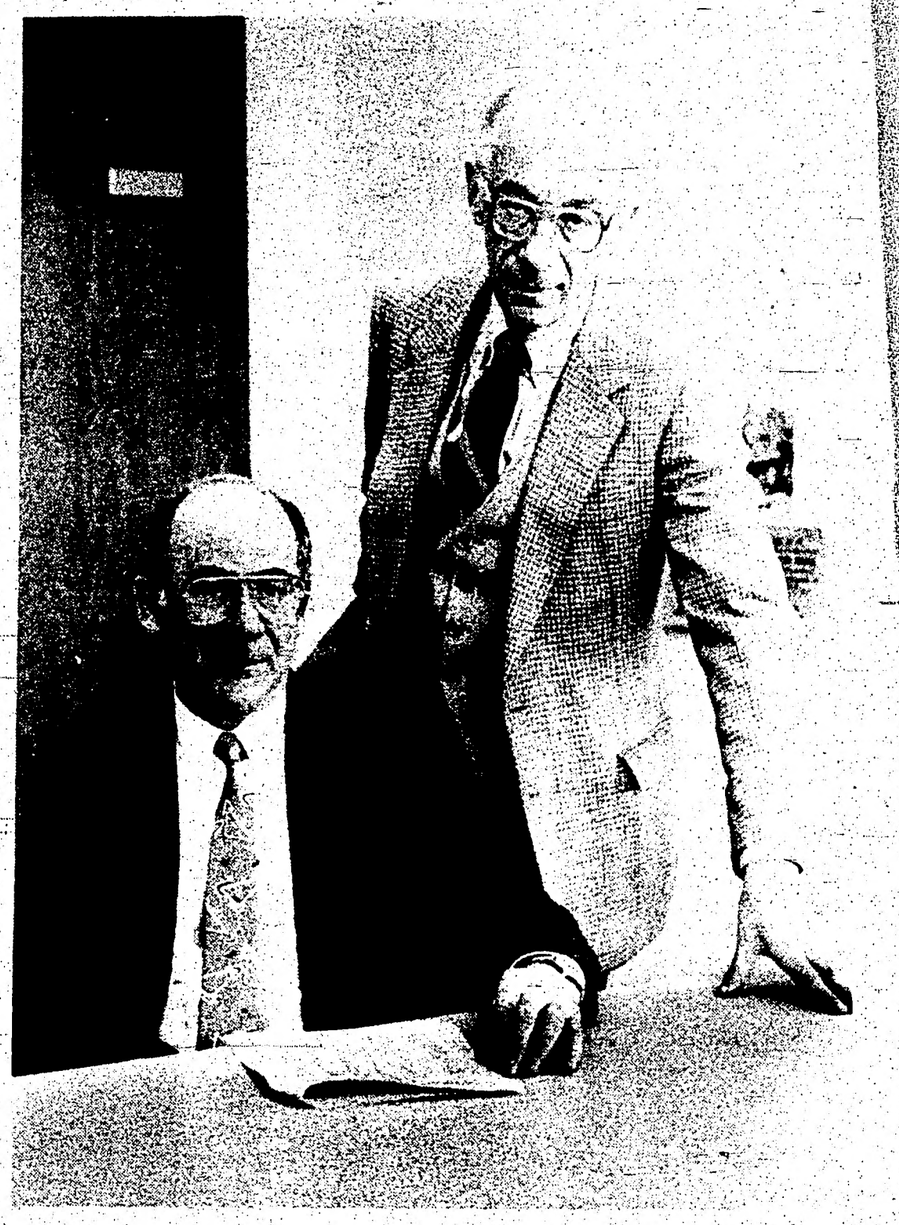
Vineberg was critical of NBC for acting without consulting any national groups when it cut the allocations at the San Francisco meeting.

He said Congress was "prepared to shoulder our equal share of the burden."

For Rosenfeld, who feels the 5.8 per cent overall cut is something all the organizations can live with, the byword now for these groups is to be "as frugal as possible."

With community money going to Operation Exodus, leaving less to the regular campaigns, compounded by the economic downturn and extraordinary expenses due to security costs resulting from the Gulf war, there is less money available for other purposes, he said.

Rosenfeld suggested that campus groups will be hit hard by the cutbacks. Because they have a fiscal year-end of June 30, for the first six months of 1991 they will experience a five per cent reduction and probably a further 5 per cent afterwards.



Herb Rosenfeld (seated) and Bert Abugov acknowledge it will be difficult for national organizations to adjust to cutbacks. [Paul Lungen photo]

"Congress is the most affected," he added, "since the four per cent is more like 10 per cent for them (when inflation and GST are taken into account). They have so many established programs going, it takes time to wind down and to determine priorities as to which have to be wound down."

Vineberg agrees, saying Congress had not yet decided which programs will be affected. An administrative committee of officers, regional chairmen and representatives of major federations are expected to meet to make

Congress to examine programs

preliminary recommendations as to where costs can be cut.

Some ideas already being tossed around are for Congress to leave vacant two part-time positions; to set aside less money in a reserve fund for the tri-annual plenary assemblies; and to control travel costs for national officer and executive committee meetings.

Vineberg said he could foresee cost freezes on CJC programs, with the various regions also getting no increases in 1991.

Vineberg said the Jan. 21 meeting helped dissipate the animosity that had been engendered by the NBC announcement of the 10 per cent reduction — a decision he said that was "a little hasty" and that forced the national agencies to vie against each other for funds.

He suggested that in future, organizations should meet to determine a broader planning structure to determine how best to provide to the Jewish consumer the programs they need.

Abugov seems to agree. This year, he said, NBC "wants to look at the overall picture, to set overall community standards."

Some services by national organizations might be better provided by local federations, Abugov suggested.

Despite the belt-tightening expected of the organizations, Abugov sees a silver lining in all the budget reductions. Contributions have been raised to new levels this year, auguring well for the future, he maintains.

A new threshold of giving has been reached, and contributors will be expected to increase the new, higher levels in subsequent years, Abugov suggested.

But with Soviet aliya expected to accelerate and the recession subject to developments in the Persian Gulf, hard times may yet be ahead for local Jewish organizations.

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Women's groups support Canada's forces in Gulf

TORONTO —

Canada's six largest Jewish women's organizations, representing a combined membership of over 50,000 women across the country, joined together to express their feelings of grave concern about the war in the Persian Gulf.

The national presidents of B'nai Brith Women of Canada, Emunah Women of Canada, Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada, Na'amat Canada, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, and Women's Canadian ORT stated:

"While we all deplore war and the inevitable loss of life it brings, we nevertheless express our wholehearted support for our Canadian forces in the Gulf. Our hearts are with their families as they anxiously await the safe return of their loved ones.

"We commend Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the Government of Canada for their unwavering support of Israel in this time of crisis. Moreover, we thank Prime Minister Mulroney for his condemnation of Iraq's criminal attacks on Israel.

"We strongly deplore and condemn Iraq's attempts to draw Israel into this conflict with unprovoked and repeated attacks on its civilian population. We respect and commend Israel for its admirable restraint in the face of Iraq's unconscionable acts of aggression.

"As Canadian Jewish women whose organizations are dedicated to improving the quality of life for all humanity, we join in solidarity to pray for a speedy resolution to this war, with the minimum loss of life and the preservation of the democratic ideal."

The joint statement was signed by Marcia Gurman, national president, B'nai Brith Women of Canada; Baila Aspler, national president, Emunah Women of Canada; Esther Matlow, national president, Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada; Rhona Blanshay, national president, Na'amat Canada; Gloria Strom, national president, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada; and Joann Smith, national president, Women's Canadian ORT.

Baila Aspler

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Joann Smith

Peace groups hurt, disillusioned

Palestinian cause dealt blow

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

The Palestinian alliance with Saddam Hussein, the Gulf war, and the U.S. preoccupation with a short-term solution to the regional conflict have all undermined the negotiating position of Israel's peace movement and its supporters abroad.

"The sense of trust for dialogue has been limited by virtue of this alliance," said Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum, of the reform Temple Israel congregation in Ottawa. "Some in the Israel peace movement are going to have to lay low for awhile."

For the meantime though, no one is jumping ship.

"Our membership is stable," said Mel Shipman, national president of the 1000-member Canadian Friends of Peace Now, an organization with chapters in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg.

"Peacemakers are a pretty stubborn and determined people."

While Shipman believes his is not a "funeral message," he does concede that he is disillusioned and discouraged and that people are not lining up to join. "Peace Now's case is made much more difficult."

Indeed. "To most Israelis, it is much less appealing than it used to be two months ago," said Israel's embassy press secretary, David Walzer. "The Palestinian cause within the Israeli left has received a severe blow."

"The PLO has without question revealed itself," said Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger. To Israel and the Arab states.

The peace movement is taking a sober second look at the "true colors" of the Palestinian people and their leaders, he said. "There has to be a rethinking of their (the Israeli left) traditional distrust of the Israeli leadership and its policy of not negotiating with the PLO."

Nour Abuali, a staff member at the Palestine Mission in Ottawa believes that the Israeli peace movement will build credibility once again, but it has a major selling job on its hands. To Israelis and Palestinians. "I cannot see that they are working that hard," he said. "The peace movement is not doing anything right now." Or before.

"The Palestinians did not gain anything from Yasser Arafat's 1988 peace initiative (and renouncement of terrorism)," said Abuali. "In this case we have nothing to lose as a Palestinian people.

"We have to start at square one," he said. "If you want to seriously have stability in the Middle East, the Palestinian problem must be solved."

Jim Westcott, the volunteer president of the Toronto-based Canadian Council of Christians and Jews is fearful that intolerance and racism might be unleashed in Canada and abroad in the face of these developments.

"We're concerned. It's not all black and white."

The reservoir of trust between the Palestinians and Israelis has been the first casualty of this conflict and is being rapidly depleted. But it may not last forever.

Said Rabbi Tanenbaum: "the rhetoric and events in the Middle East should be viewed on a continuum. Change is normal."

It's conceivable that with the removal of Iraq as a regional threat, there may be a greater willingness on all sides to seek a long-term resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict including negotiations with the Palestinians, Shipman said.

Our argument has always been that Israel is negatively affected by keeping watch over the territories, he said. "It is in (her) interest to negotiate with the Palestinians."

As the Gulf war escalates, the risk of inaction is plain.

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JNF cites logistical considerations in postponing mission to Israel

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The Jewish National Fund of Canada last week "postponed" its Feb. 20-March 4 national "mega-mission" to Israel indefinitely because of logistical considerations connected to the Gulf War, said JNF officials.

JNF's national president, Neri Bloomfield, said the decision to postpone the trip should not be taken as a signal for Jews not to travel to Israel during the crisis.

"We just feel we can't be responsible for so many busloads of people," she said. "It was a heartbreaking decision. We wanted business as usual."

Personal safety "was not a big factor, but we have to think about it," she said. "There's always the factor of responsibility. When you send somebody near a war zone, you think twice."

But she emphasized the onus of being rsponsible for so many people given the situation — not personal safety — was the overriding factor in the decision.

Bloomfield also stressed that the idea to put off the trip, made by JNF's national board during a conference call, was not the result of pressure from any of the 140 or so people who registered for the trip (compared to 750 last year) and who were apparently still willing to go.

"There were a few cancellations, but no hue and cry," she said. She said JNF was determined to reschedule the trip once it again becomes "physically possible to bring a large group" inexpensively.

The JNF president added that Jews and Jewish leadership should continue to go to Israel individually and in small groups. Bloomfield took issue with Israeli media condemning the Diaspora for giving money but not coming personally. "I think it's unfair," she said. "People are going and lending support."

The JNF president, who has an apartment in Israel, said Israelis expressed such gratitude for her being there during her last trip that it embarrassed her, since "they (Jews) have a picture of what's going on and are coming back."

Bloomfield pointed out that JNF allowed its Canadian Active Retirees in Israel (CARI) group of 25 to go and they were determined to stay even though they were given the option to come back and despite family pressures. Bloomfield said she herself was set to return to Israel in February for a meeting of the Jewish Agency.

JNF Eastern Region director Rabbi Meyer Krentzman said another factor in the postponement was that JNF would have had to "curtail a substantial amount of touring."

"It was just too much for us," he said. "We are not discouraging people from going, but here we're talking about a very large group."

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Rabbis to lead prayers for Jews in Arab lands

By
RON CSILLAG

The 1991 commemoration of Shabbat Zachor will be marking a day of prayer for the roughly 4,500 Jews of Syria. It will take place Saturday, Feb. 23 in synagogues across Canada.

Rabbis are also being asked to lead prayers that day for all Jews in oppressed countries throughout the Arab and Muslim world, says Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Task Force for Syrian Jews.

Carr says this year's service will take on special significance, since Jews in Arab lands are even more fearful because of the Persian Gulf war.

Shabbat Zachor is the yahrzeit for four young Jewish women who tried to escape from Syria in 1974. At the last moment, they were betrayed by their Arab smugglers, who were paid to take them into Lebanon. The sisters Laura, Mazal and Farah Sebbagh and their first cousin Eva Saad, were raped, murdered and their bodies dumped in front of their parents' homes in the Jewish quarter of Damascus, with the message, "Here are your children."

Today, the Jews of Syria, centred in three cities, live in perpetual fear, the task force says.

Jewish emigration is forbidden and families cannot travel together. When they do travel, Jews must name at least one other person to guarantee their return, as well as put up a forfeitable deposit of about $3,000.

Torture is said to be widespread, mail and telephone calls are monitored and a special section of Syria's feared secret police keeps an eye on the Jewish community. Jews are not allowed to hold government or other important jobs.

The task force says six young Jewish men are in Syrian prisons. They include the brothers Selim and Elie Swed of Damascus, who were taken into custody without charge in 1987.

The task force intervened on their behalf with the United Nations and Amnesty International. It says some form of trial was eventually held but the results are not known, and the brothers remain in jail, as do the other four Jews.

Carr says it is imperative that Canadian Jews press the federal government to come to the aid of Syrian Jewry.

The Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, remains the task force's sole source of funding.

The fund, set up in 1973, became so well known that a Dr. Ronald Feld Fund was later established at Beth Tfiloh Congregation in Baltimore.

Shabbat Zachor is one of the special Shabbatot leading up to Pesach. Hearing the Torah read that day is a halachic obligation of all Jewish adults.

Last autumn, a 40-minute video on the history and plight of Syrian Jewry, *Out of the Shadows*, premiered in Toronto. It is now available for viewing by organizations who contact the Feld fund, care of Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont., M5P 3K3, (416) 781-3511.

Farah Sebbagh

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Jewish life in B.C. chronicled

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

The Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia has produced a book and a one-hour video on the history of Jewish life in the province.

The video, *More Than Gold*, traces the settlement of the Jews of British Columbia and Yukon from 1858 to the present. It was written and directed by Donald Young and Sarah Tobo, with photography by historian Cyril Leonoff.

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BB League, Muslims meet

TORONTO —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada last week held the first in a planned series of meetings with Muslim Canadians to help them deal with the surge of anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiment in this country.

"Few people know more about discrimination than Jews. So we're offering our expertise," Morley Wolfe, the League's national community liaison chairman, told The CJN.

Since the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War, Muslims and Arabs across Canada have become targets for threats. Mosques have been vandalized and there have been several complaints of harassment of Arab-Canadians by members of the public and by the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS).

The Jewish community has also felt the wrath of the Gulf conflict, with synagogue defacements, bomb scares and stepped-up security everywhere.

The initial meeting at the League's headquarters here "opened the door to a recognition by both the Muslim and Jewish communities of a need to hold a dialogue and work together, on the basis that the rights and security of Canadian citizens must not be destroyed by international events," Wolfe said.

In attendance were Wolfe; League national director Karen Mock; Rabbi Michael Stroh, whose Thornhill synagogue shares a parking lot with a mosque; and League national chairman Mark Sandler.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark

Representing the Muslim community, among others, were Muin Muinuddin, a founder of the Council of Muslim Communities; Muhammad Ashrof, the Canadian director of the Islamic Society of North America; and Zubedah Vahed, a race relations coordinator for the Peel Board of Education.

Wolfe said he approached the Canadian Arab Federation to take part, but was told by CAF director James Kafieh that he had received "mixed messages" from his membership when the matter was raised.

Kafieh was unavailable for comment.

Wolfe said two areas were discussed at the get-together.

The first addressed "short-term" ways in which tensions can be defused in the Muslim and Jewish communities, as well as the importance of keeping cool after an episode of harassment or vandalism.

The other involved long-term analysis of the harassment both communities have experienced. Wolfe said both sides agreed to collect evidence of racial and religious harassment and to compare their findings.

The League made available to Muslims a handbook on security.

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Arab-Canadian children are the innocent victims of Canadian policy in the Gulf war, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark was told last week by Kafieh and about 50 members of the Canadian Arab Federation.

Both men emerged from their 2½-hour meeting looking tense. Events in the Gulf have affected "virtually every child in our community, and to a large extent, the government of Canada is responsible for a climate of intolerance," Kafieh told reporters.

He said Arab children have been harassed at school and even beaten up, but he would not provide specific examples.

"You can't drop bombs on people without vilifying them and dehumanizing them," Kafieh said. "Canada has better things to do."

Members of the CAF "do not support this war. We do not believe it's necessary or just."

Clark said he sympathizes. Too often, intolerance "expresses itself in anti-Arab feeling. It expresses itself in Anti-Semitic feeling."

But he said he did not see eye to eye with the Arab group.

"Some of their assumptions were mistaken. Obviously, we had disagreements."

Clark said the federal government will embark on a public awareness campaign aimed at countering intolerance. — R.C.

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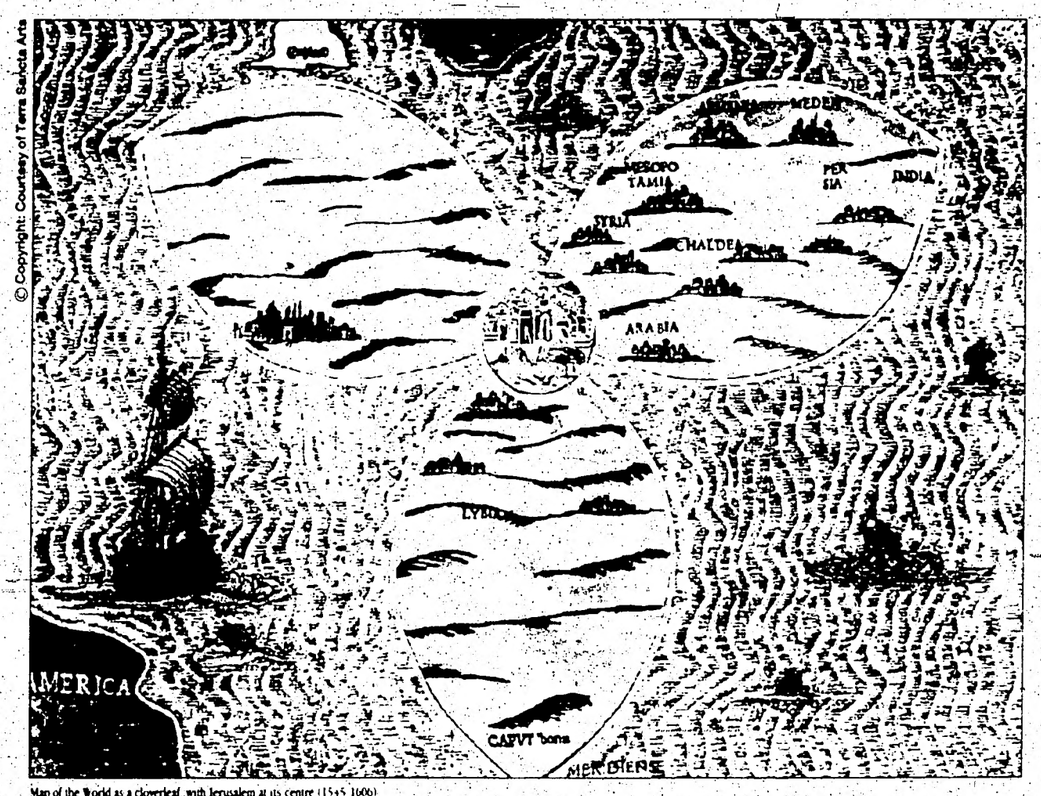

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BB, CJC get legal standing at Ernst Zundel's appeal

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada have been granted legal standing by the Supreme Court of Canada in the appeal of Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel.

Madame Justice L'Heureux-Dube granted the two Jewish organizations intervenor status in the case, while turning down similar requests from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA).

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) was also granted intervenor status, but unlike the two Jewish groups, it will argue that the law under which Zundel was convicted is unconstitutional.

In 1984, Holocaust survivor Sabina Citron, a founder of the CHRA, pressed charges against the Toronto pro-Nazi publisher, citing a little-used section of the Criminal Code against publishing false information that is likely to damage a public interest.

A year later, after an eight-week trial, Zundel was convicted of publishing *Did Six Million Really Die?*, a 32-page pamphlet that claimed the Holocaust was a hoax perpetrated by Jews to extract reparations for Israel.

Ernst Zundel

On appeal, a second trial was ordered and Zundel was again found guilty and sentenced to nine months in jail.

His conviction was upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal and he appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, arguing the law violates the right to free speech in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

CJC's national chairman of community relations, Joseph Wilder, said Congress will argue for the constitutionality of the "false news" law.

"Congress is attempting to ensure that the criminal prohibition against the dissemination of false news, which damages the public interest in racial and social tolerance, remains as one of the pegs in the fence of law which Canada has erected to keep hatemongers marginalized."

B'nai Brith spokesman Howard English said the organization's counsel will also oppose the free speech argument, no doubt pointing to recent Supreme Court decisions in the cases of former Alberta teacher Jim Keegstra and Toronto white supremacist John Ross Taylor.

In the Keegstra case, the High Court, in a 5-4 split, upheld the Criminal Code provision against promoting hatred against identifiable groups.

The court ruled that while the law violated free speech guarantees, it was a justifiable limitation in a free and democratic society.

English said "the Jewish community has an enormous interest in the (Zundel) case." He said B'nai Brith believes the "false news" section (which is a different section of the Criminal Code than the one used against Keegstra) does not violate free speech and that even if it does, "it does not cover lies. The Keegstra and Taylor cases show there are definable limits of speech," he added.

Lawyer Neil Finkelstein represented Congress in the application for intervenor status, while Marvin Kurz spoke for B'nai Brith.

John Rosen, lawyer for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said he hoped that since the Centre was dedicated to the study of the Holocaust and human rights issues that the court would also want to hear from it.

No reasons were given in last week's court decision.

Reistetter war crimes trial set to open this spring

TORONTO —

The trial of accused war criminal Stephen Reistetter will likely get under way in late March or early April, according to the head of the Justice Department's war crimes unit.

Peter Kremer, who assumed the post from Bill Hobson on July 30, told The CJN that the trial date had not yet been set.

Crown lawyer Joseph Rickhof said the jury trial will be preceded by a hearing towards the end of February or early March, in which an Ontario Court judge will rule on a number of legal issues.

Rickhof said he expected both the Crown and defence to introduce the issues in a bid to shorten the actual trial. By having the judge hear the sometimes lengthy submissions and rule on them before the actual trial begins, less of the jury's time will be taken up in court, he said.

Reistetter, a 76-year-old resident of St. Catharines, is charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity. The Crown alleges that as a district party secretary in the fascist Hlinka government of Slovakia, he participated in the deportation of 3,000 Jews from the town of Bardejov between April and May, 1942.

Rickhof said the Crown will seek rulings on issues like the admissibility of expert witnesses' statements and on various documents. He said defence lawyer Bruce Durno had not yet filed documents indicating what issues he might raise in court.

The Crown attorney estimated that about two weeks will be required for the pre-trial motions, and about three months for the actual trial.

— P.L.

Solidarity vigil begins Feb. 9

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A worldwide solidarity vigil in support of Israel will begin Saturday evening, Feb.9 and last for 24 hours.

The vigil, sponsored by National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), will be held in 100 locations, including England, Belgium, Australia, Israel, United States and Canada.

It is "designed to bring hundreds of thousands of Jews of all affiliations in cities around the world together in an historic, unprecedented show of support for Israel in its time of need," says a media release.

The idea behind the program, the release goes on, is that "a Jew's response to a time of difficulty is to strengthen his or her commitment to Jewish observance, in particular the study of the Torah."

The vigil will involve Torah learning for students and adults of all ages, with sessions every hour on the hour.

Canadian locations include Toronto — Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill; Hamilton — Adas Israel Synagogue, 125 Cline Ave. S.; Montreal — Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation, 6800 Mackle Rd.; and Ottawa — Ottawa Torah Institute/Machzekai Hadas Synagogue, 2310 Virginia Dr.

For locations in western Canada, contact NCSY in Toronto or Montreal.

In Toronto, a special opening gathering will be held at 8:30 p.m., and a closing gathering Sunday Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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Operation Exodus, UJA/CJA in campaign

Canadian Jews responding to emergency cash drive

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

As missiles fall on Israel, Canadian Jews in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmoncton, Calgary and other cities are responding quickly to an all-out campaign to mobilize cash for emergency needs.

They are being asked to pay any outstanding pledges for 1990 and previous years now because of the urgent need for cash. They are also being asked to accelerate their payments on 1991 pledges.

Pledges to both Operation Exodus and local campaigns (United Jewish Appeal/Combined Jewish Appeal) are included in the cash campaign.

In Montreal, in an effort to speed the cash flow, couriers are being used to pick up cheques in the cash mobilization drive, said Danyael Cantor, campaign director.

An indication that the message is being heard in Toronto is the fact that after a mailing to 21,000 contributors who had not yet fully paid their pledges, the first four days of mail brought in 2,000 replies, said Mark Gryfe, campaign director.

This does not include responses from people who were contacted by a telephone blitz of those paying their pledges on credit cards.

In Montreal the cash realization committee is under the co-chairmanship of Harold Brownstein and Marvin Corber with Boris Levine as senior advisor. One of the key elements in their strategy is an intensive, personalized telephone campaign to donors by a relatively small pool of 100 community leaders.

Even before the Scud missiles landed in Israel, the response of the Montreal community to Israel's needs resulted in the largest cash realization ever recorded in a December, Cantor said.

"It's been a phenomenal response," said Gryfe, UJA campaign director in Toronto.

He said the United Israel Appeal of Canada has decided against any new campaign at this time and instead is bending its efforts to have contributors pay up their pledges immediately in cash.

To illustrate the dimension of the need for more money to assist Israel, Gryfe said the war insurance rates on flights of Soviet olim have added additional costs of $100,000 U.S. a day.

The immigrants do get gas masks from the Israeli government but it is the Jewish Agency which must pay all the costs of sealing up safe rooms in the absorption centres and other associated costs, Gryfe said. This amounts to $500,000 a month.

The Jewish Agency co-funds certain social services to Israelis but with the terrible burden of war expenses, the Israel government has had to withdraw its contribution in some cases, Gryfe said.

"It is imperative that the Agency make up the difference because we cannot allow the quality of life of Israelis in the present situation to deteriorate," he said.

The UJA Cash Hotline number in Toronto is 631-5705 and in Montreal it is 345-2600. For United Israel Appeal of Canada it is (416) 636-7655.

Liberal MP Bob Kaplan calls it quits

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Veteran Toronto member of Parliament Robert Kaplan is calling it quits after the next federal election.

Kaplan, 54, announced last week he would not seek re-election to his York Centre seat, which he's held for the Liberals since 1974.

Kaplan was swept up in the Liberal tide of 1968, when he was first elected in Don Valley, but he was defeated in the '72 vote.

"I just don't want to spend the rest of my life in politics," he told The CJN. "And I don't want to hang around Ottawa as a consultant or a senator."

Because of the rising fortunes of the Bloc Quebecois and the Reform Party of Canada, Kaplan is predicting a minority government for Liberal leader Jean Chretien after the next election, "and that requires loyalty and commitment. I'm making the announcement now because a senior minister resigning from a minority government would look bad."

One of a handful of Jewish MPs, Kaplan served as federal solicitor-general from 1980 to '84, and was responsible for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the prison system and the creation of Canada's spy agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).

He also scrapped the 74-year-old Juvenile Delinquents Act, replacing it in 1982 with the controversial and often unpopular Young Offenders Act.

In his post as the country's top law enforcer, Kaplan earned praise as well as criticism in Jewish circles for pursuing — or not pursuing vigorously enough — Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

Kaplan's efforts resulted in the arrest of one alleged war criminal, Albert Helmut Rauca, who died in a West German prison in October, 1983 while awaiting trial for the murder of over 11,000 Lithuanian Jews. Rauca, 74, had given up his fight against extradition from Canada in May, 1983.

Robert Kaplan

Kaplan is well aware of the often heated criticism of him for not going after more war criminals.

"I would have been able to do more if (then Prime Minister) Pierre Trudeau had been more co-operative. His approach was 'Let's forget about the past,' and I took a lot of heat from the Jewish community.

"But I certainly didn't sit on my hands. I did everything I could within the restraints placed on me."

And he adds he's proud of having begun the process of hunting war criminals: "In Ottawa, it's a lot harder to go from zero to one than to go from one to 10."

Kaplan points out that following his retirement, Trudeau said he regretted not having pursued war criminals more strongly.

Kaplan supported Chretien in the last race for Liberal leader and before that, supported former leader John Turner.

He does not have kind words for the current Tory government, calling it "the Mulroney disaster."

As a supporter of the Meech Lake Accord, Kaplan says the process by which the final document was arrived at "was an insult to all Canadians. National unity has been badly weakened."

Kaplan, a recent grandfather, says he may work in the family business following his retirement from politics. For 30 years, he's been married to Estherelke Tanenbaum, daughter of Runnymede Development Corp. founder and philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum.

The couple has three children: Jennifer, 28, is an actress in New York; John, 27, works for Runnymede, and Raquel, 24, is in the travel business.

"I'm depressed about the standing of public life in Canadians' minds. It's not such a prestigious thing to be in it anymore," Kaplan says.

"But I don't regret my 20 years in politics."

Teaching program is put on hold

TORONTO —

The start of Canada's tripling program with Israel and Samarkand has had to be postponed because of the crisis in the Gulf.

The National Soviet Jewry Committee's Heritage plan calls for Canada and Israel to co-operate in supplying Hebrew language and Jewish culture teachers to the 12,000-strong Jewish community in Samarkand.

The first Canadian designated teacher, a woman, is ready to go. Israel's first designate teacher is to come from Beersheba but the mayor of Beersheba has cabled Wendy Eisen, the committee's national co-chairman, that "no one is leaving Beersheba."

"We love the project. Hopefully it won't be too long an interruption," the mayor said.

All but 1,000 of the 12,000-member Jewish community in Samarkand are of the Sephardi tradition.

The committee was "pleased and surprised" at the large number of qualified applicants who responded to its advertisement in The CJN for people to go to Samarkand, Eisen said.

Most of the applicants speak both Hebrew and Russian. Although many came to Canada from Russia, there are also a significant number of others who have learned Russian elsewhere, she noted, adding that it is not necessary for a person to be an educator per se to qualify to teach in Samarkand. "The thirst for knowledge there is tremendous."

Because of budget cutbacks, the committee has to depend on a sponsoring organization or synagogue to pay the air fare and a modest honorarium while the Samarkand community will provide an apartment and living expenses.

Most of the applicants came from Quebec and Ontario, with a few from Winnipeg. There was no response from the Maritimes or the Pacific Region. — B.R.

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Gulf War

Public favors restraint: poll

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The post-war bill for this co-operation is another issue of contention. Supporters of the government policy believe that after the war Israel will be rewarded for its restraint in political collateral. The country will win greater understanding for its positions regarding the peace process. However, critics fear a different scenario in which Israel "will be billed for American blood," writes the Post. This IOU could take the form of territorial concessions, warns the right-wing party Moledet.

As for pure military strategy, the prevailing view is that as long as the U.S. air force continues to pound the H2 and H3 air bases in Western Iraq, it is questionable what more Israel could add to this effort — and at what cost. Maj.-Gen. Barak suggested that the Iraqi missile capability seems to be somewhat impaired, noting that in the first nine days, 25 Scud missiles hit Israel, while in the last eight days only five have, and those have caused virtually no damage or casualties. As a recent editorial in the daily Ma'ariv put it: "The price Israel has paid to date is not great. It could pay much more in both lives and damage through one small air or land battle — and even that would not necessarily guarantee an end to the Iraqi missile threat."

However this view is not shared by a number of military experts, including Mordechai Gur and Ezer Weizmann, both former chiefs of staff and leading Labor party voices. Weizmann was also a commander of the Israel air force.

They argue that years of experience in daring operations, such as Entebbe and the destruction of the Iraqi nuclear reactor, as well as a massive amount of military intelligence concerning Iraqi installations, put Israel at an advantage in being able to inflict a powerful blow that would help neutralize the Iraqi missile threat.

The time to use that ability is now, argues Hirsh Goodman, a military analyst and editor of the weekly Jerusalem Report. Acknowledging that an Israeli action could result in Israeli casualties, Goodman asserts that "continued inaction brings greater risks." He favors immediate Israeli action in order to prevent Saddam Hussein from using even more devastating means against Israel, such as chemical weapons, aerial attacks or air-fuel bombs. "To sit and wait for Saddam to pull another trick out of his hat is to tempt fate," he concludes.

In addition to these political and military arguments, there are a few disparate emotional voices in the debate. Claude Lanzmann, director of the documentary Shoah, said that "the idea that Jews could be gassed again is unbearable" and called Israel's failure to respond to the Iraqi threat "a throwback to the Jewish reality that preceded the establishment of Israel." Drawing on ghetto analogies, he asserted that Israel "is for the first time condemned to being passive."

Israel Television recently showed a member of an American Jewish solidarity mission to Israel urging Israelis "not to go like sheep to the slaughter."

Most Israelis were infuriated by the suggestion, which they considered to be a gross distortion of the current reality. One op-ed piece in the Jerusalem Post called this sort of "Knee-jerk reaction" a reflection of the "powerlessness inherent in Diaspora Jewry, for he who truly has power, as does Israel, need not lash out blindly, but can afford the luxury of choosing the appropriate moment to retaliate."

Indeed among Israelis, the debate over retaliation is almost devoid of emotional imagery and references to the Holocaust. While Israelis may differ in their political and military evaluations of the situation, in when Israel should retaliate and how, there is for the most part a consensus in both the tone of the argument — rational — and in the content — and that is that the decision of whether and when to retaliate is very much in Israel's own hands.

Court halves sentence of Palestinian activist

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jerusalem District Court on Sunday reduced by half the six-month administrative detention order against Dr. Sari Nusseibeh, a leading Palestinian nationalist alleged by the Israeli military authorities to have passed intelligence to Iraq.

The move took the security establishment by surprise inasmuch as Israeli jurists have rarely if ever intervened against military decisions to exercise punitive measures against Palestinian activists.

Sari Nusseibeh

But the authorities apparently will not appeal the court's ruling.

Sympathizers with the 41-year-old academician seized upon the court's action as proof that Nusseibeh was detained Jan. 29 for political, not security reasons.

A statement issued by the Israeli movement Peace Now noted that the court reduced Nusseibeh's detention after studying the classified material alleged to incriminate him.

The fact the authorities accepted the decision without appeal proved they had no "substantive case" against Nusseibeh, Peace Now said.

But Danny Naveh, media spokesman for Defence Minister Moshe Arens, who signed the detention order, said the defence authorities stood by their charge that Nusseibeh maintained contact "with an official Iraqi element and with Palestine Liberation Organization activists who were trying to obtain intelligence information for Iraq."

He said in the course of those contacts, Nusseibeh passed on war-related information.

The Oxford-educated lecturer at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank, which has been closed since the intifada began three years ago, was accused by Israel of letting the Iraqis know where their Scud missiles landed, information of great value to them.

Naveh said the defence authorities would now review the feasibility of pressing formal charges against Nusseibeh while he is serving his three-month detention.

According to Naveh, the decision not to try him for his alleged contacts with "hostile elements" was made for security reasons. A trial might have exposed "legal sources," he said, meaning sources of the information that led to Nusseibeh's arrest.

Administrative detention, a holdover from the emergency regulations of the British Mandate, permit a suspect to be kept in custody for up to six months at a time with neither trial nor specific charges.

Justice Vardi Seiler, president of the court, did not comment on the quality of evidence against Nusseibeh. He expressed hope, however, that the Gulf War would be over by the time the Palestinian activist completed his term and therefore "the purpose of the detention would be achieved."

Suspect questioned

Jerusalem police, meanwhile, questioned another prominent Palestinian activist, Faisal Husseini, for two hours Friday.

They said it had nothing to do with Nusseibeh's arrest.

Husseini was grilled for allegedly trying to bribe and pressure witnesses to the Oct. 8 Temple Mount riots, when Israeli border police killed at least 17 Palestinian rock-throwers and wounded 150 others at the site of Moslem shrines in the Old City.

The police said Husseini is suspected of having used "threats and extortion" to influence the testimony of Arab eyewitnesses. They said the witnesses admitted giving false testimony under threats.

Husseini, who has preached non-violent resistance to the Israeli presence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, spent 18 months in administrative detention several years ago.

Message from Shelef

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ing years. In 1991, the number of arrivals from the Soviet Union is expected to be around 400,000. For the first time in our history, the government has budgeted more money for absorption than for defence.

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Bearded men receive priority on gas masks

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The distribution of 5,000 air-blower gas mask attachments to bearded men in Bnei Brak instead of to small children, asthmatics and other people who have problems with regular masks, has caused an uproar in the Knesset, the media and elsewhere.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens gave the civil defence authorities the order to distribute the blowers in order to "calm tempers," the army spokesman's office admitted.

Arens had been under heavy pressure from haredi political parties to distribute the attachments.

The army spokesman's office would not explain why small children, asthmatics and others have not been given priority. Two weeks ago, civil defence authorities had promised to hand out blowers to all children who had not received them, but recently officials said "none" were available. The spokesman's office would not say whether blowers would be distributed to children and sick adults around the country.

The Israel Council for the Welfare of the Child denounced the distribution of the blowers to bearded men, arguing that children should be given first priority. Council head Dr. Yitzhak Kadman said that if action were not taken quickly to replace the plastic bags tied over gas masks of children in many parts of the country, his group would take the case to the High Court of Justice, just as the haredi parties and West Bank Arabs had previously done.

The Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee's subcommittee on war readiness yesterday recommended that first priority for the blowers be given to young children, followed by youths and adults suffering from asthma and other respiratory problems, bearded religious men and other bearded men, in that order. Some 500 throat-cancer victims who breathe through holes in their tracheas have also pleaded for the special blowers.

Yair Tsaban (Mapam) introduced an urgent motion for the agenda over the issue. Yossi Sarid and Dedi Zucker (Citizens Rights Movement) said that whoever decided to hand out blowers to bearded men ahead of children was "shameless and heartless," adding that if necessary they would take the matter to the High Court.

Ran Cohen (CRM) told the prime minister that it was wrong to "give priority to draft evaders" who have the option of shaving.

While some Bnei Brak residents who received blowers charged that those who objected were "anti-Semitic," deputy housing minister Avraham Ravitz (Degel Hatora) said that children should have priority. Both he and deputy labor minister Moshe Ze'ev Feldman (Agudat Yisrael) charged that they had warned the authorities months ago of the need for special protection for religious men who would not shave under any circumstances.

They agreed that at present, children should have first priority.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, visiting an Emunah day-care centre, poses with children who have made toy masks out of carton and cheese containers. [IPPA photo]

Court turns down prisoners' request

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The High Court turned down a petition for the immediate distribution of gas masks to Palestinian prisoners, despite a claim that prison guards had received them while prisoners had not.

The government argued that the Ketziot detention camp in the Negev, which holds more than 80 per cent of the prisoners, was not considered in danger of a gas attack, and therefore distribution of gas masks to prisoners there was not a high priority.

The court said that the government's argument showed it was aware of its duties and will take steps as and when it sees fit.

Lawyer Leah Tzemel, who visited the camp a few days ago, said that she saw prison guards with masks. She received an affidavit from a prisoner testifying that when sirens sounded during a recent missile attack, soldiers donned their masks and entered sealed observation points while the 7,400 prisoners were told to put down the flaps of their tents and cover their faces.

Cabinet nominee favors retaliation

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Shamir was quoted as telling his young cabinet proteges: "Do not grieve; that's politics."

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party supported Shamir. He explained to reporters later that he did so only because the prime minister had made an unequivocal statement at the cabinet meeting that the government would never discuss, let alone endorse, the idea of "transfer."

Moledet's two seats will give the government a more comfortable majority of 66 in the 120-member chamber.

The Knesset is expected to ratify Ze'evi's appointment and the rumor is that once that hurdle is passed, Shamir will give him a cabinet portfolio.

But opposition is building. At least one Likud member, Benjamin Begin, declared Sunday night he would not support the government in the vote.

Centrist and left-wing politicians, who only last week were praising the prime minister for his policy in the Gulf War, now say they feel betrayed.

They maintain that by appointing Ze'evi to the government, Shamir has squandered much of the political success that his war policy has earned him abroad and has also undone the national consensus around that policy.

Media reports said Shamir was approached by key Diaspora Jewish leaders after the plan to appoint Ze'evi was leaked Friday to the Israeli daily Ha'aretz. They urged him to think again and warned him of the likely damage to Israel's standing overseas.

Ze'evi said he has been assigned the task of setting up a "non-political and solely professional national security advisory panel" to work alongside the prime minister.

Some political observers said Shamir's move was aimed principally at liberating him from dependency on any one small faction. Those observers suggested that he is chaffing at his abrasive relationship with Moda'i and the finance minister's small Zionist Renewal Faction, a breakaway from the Liberal party.

Other theories linked the move to future diplomatic pressures on Israel. According to those theories, Shamir is positioning himself to stand up to United States or international demands after the Gulf War to negotiate a compromise with the Palestinians.

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Living with war is never normal

We are beginning to learn to live with the Gulf War. Our television sets are no longer tuned only to news programs; and what we see and read now includes constitutional issues and the weather.

Those directly involved are also beginning to learn to live with war. In the countries of the coalition, the rituals are taking hold: prayer services and peace protests, yellow ribbons and parades. Even the daily Pentagon and in-field briefings are taking on a pattern, and each of the generals is developing a style as instantly recognizable as his face.

The foreign correspondents are back in Baghdad, and in Israel, high school students are back in class and gas mask boxes are decorated and carried like fashion statements. In three short weeks, the war has assumed a normality of its own.

But we cannot forget that it is *not* normal.

It is not normal that residents of a non-combatant country should be under attack, threatened with weapons of mass destruction. It is not normal that immigrants fleeing persecution should be handed gas masks when they arrive in their country of refuge. It is not normal that the civilian population of Israel should be on the front lines, while those who have been called up worry, not about themselves, but about the safety of their families at home.

The tension and fear of those first few days of the Gulf War are not, nor should they be, sustainable. The Israeli government knows that, and is trying to recreate normalcy in a bizarrely abnormal situation.

But what is — and must remain — sustainable is our sense of unity of purpose with our beleaguered people in the State of Israel.

They are paying a heavy price, financially and emotionally. Our contributions, in cash, now, will help to ease the financial burden. Our telephone calls, letters and prayers will dissipate some of the sense of isolation they must feel in their role as hostages to the fragile unity of the coalition.

But most important is the presence in Israel of those of us who can join with the volunteer and solidarity missions now being planned in accordance with Israel's needs.

When all is said and done, we in the Diaspora live, physically and emotionally, outside the State of Israel. Some of us are bound by ties of family and friendship; all of us by faith and history. But we do not live our daily lives in the shadow of the missile and the gun.

Those of us who can share that experience, if only for a little while, can show by our presence that all Israel is, indeed, one.

A haunting reminder

On September 19, 1941, Heinz Jost, a German soldier and amateur photographer, decided to spend his birthday visiting the Warsaw Ghetto. After taking 129 black-and-white shots of the denizens of the Ghetto, Jost put the results of his photographic adventure away — until the 1980s when, shortly before his death, he gave them to the German magazine Der Stern. It was not until 1987 that Yad Vashem mounted an exhibition based on Jost's pictures. Originally scheduled for six months, the exhibit ran for two years.

The Jost collection (which was shown at New York City's Jewish Museum recently) is not, of course, the only photographic record of the agony of the Warsaw Ghetto. The Nazis themselves cruelly documented the suffering of the ghetto population in order to emphasize the degradation of the victims.

Although there is still some debate on the subject, most people feel that Jost's agenda was different from that of the Nazi victimizers; he used his lenses to depict with empathy and candor the plight of the young and the old and those in between. Jost's world shows streets, mothers, infants, prams, teenagers, bicycles, strollers and Jewish star armbands. The stark reality of Jewish suffering comes through the photographs with sledgehammer effect.

Curators at Yad Vashem have chosen to affix not the conventional descriptive labels but rather excerpts from Ghetto diarists who themselves perished. The haunting words are sombre but appropriate accompaniments to the record Jost froze for the world.

The testimony of Heinz Jost is a poignant and powerful reminder of the factuality of the Holocaust and is an especially important statement at a time when evil people deny that it occurred.

The pictures will come to Toronto this spring. Under the auspices of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, the display, entitled A Day in the Life of the Warsaw Ghetto, will be shown at the University of Toronto's Hart House from May 16 to June 13. And there are plans to take the exhibit to other Canadian cities.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, these speak endlessly.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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BE A VISIBLE JEW

The world's attention, so intently focused on solving the crisis in the Middle East to bring future peace to the region, has finally been captivated by the precarious existence the people of Israel have been living for so many years. Unfortunately, it took the frightening pictures of an entire nation held hostage by the terrorist attacks of an insane leader to show the world how delicate a life the Israelis really lead.

I have just returned from Israel in the past few weeks from a wonderful trip, visiting family and friends, touring the beautiful countryside and the magnificent new archeological excavations. Never was there a country of people more anxious to please a visitor and never was there a country of people more anxious to survive, to show the world their strengths of character and their glories in new discoveries in medicine, science and history.

Although war was imminent, you never heard despair in their voices, or saw tears in their eyes. What was visible was a sad sense of frustration that perhaps Israel was being abandoned by carefree Jews in safer parts of the world, who had chosen not to visit the country.

In this troubled time, when being a Jew in the Diaspora has never been more connected to the survival of the people and the land of Israel, we must remember to constantly give our assurance to the country and to reach within ourselves to find methods of support.

We must contribute as much as possible by purchasing Israel bonds and we must also keep an eye on the political leaders and men of influence in Canada, to make certain that they don't allow Israel to become a helpless pawn in a cruel play of power.

It is always the right time to be a proud Jew. The time to be a visible Jew is now. I urge you to "stand up and be counted" among the sincere Jews who are prepared to rally to the support of Israel.

Toby Saltzman
President
Beth Sholom Sisterhood
Toronto

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HILLEL AND B'NAI BRITH

I was most surprised to read in a recent article (CJN, Jan. 10 Montreal) which dealt with the Jewish Student Network body, references to my attitude vis-a-vis campus youth.

I was sorry that the CJN reporter had not taken time to call me in order to verify remarks made by the outgoing president of Network.

Let me therefore state, for the record, that in my conversations with Joey Felsen I indicated that I felt that the Hillel student population did not really have any meaningful relationship with the B'nai Brith organization or its constituent agencies, such as the League for Human Rights, the Institute for International Affairs Committee nor any of its tremendous community volunteer service programs. More often than not, the Hillel students saw themselves as part of the UJA operators.

I also stated that it was my belief that the Hillel campus activities would not be critically affected by our proposed budget cuts, since in most cases, there was already substantial funding provided by the Federations in the communities.

What Mr. Felson conveniently neglected to state in his remarks was the voicing of the strong praise and admiration I have for the student network movement, for their sense of commitment and dedication to programs and projects which are essential for the Jewish student population.

I also indicated to Mr. Felsen that it was my personal belief that in the future, should B'nai Brith Canada enter into the field of sponsoring campus organizations, it would be well advised to look to such organizations as Network.

Frank Dimant
Executive Vice-President
Toronto

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Gerry Weiner

SEEKS PUBLIC ATONEMENT

"Where does the prime minister propose to announce his apology to Jews who found Canadian doors barred on the eve of the Second World War?" The answer to this question, from your Nov. 22, 1990 editorial entitled Morality, Justice Issues Affect All, is found in the very speech to Italian-Canadians which you mentioned in your article.

Rather than simply "musing about providing apologies to other groups," as you suggest, the prime minister stated clearly and unequivocally that he will rise in the House of Commons during this session of Parliament to extend a formal apology, not only to Italian Canadians, but also to other Canadians who have suffered similar injustices.

Since he also made specific reference to the shameful restrictions imposed by past Canadian governments to bar entrance of European Jews at a time when they were desperate for refuge, I think it is safe to say that the Jewish experience will not be forgotten in that apology.

The prime minister also authorized me to begin discussions to determine how best to symbolize our recognition of the discrimination faced by members of many ethnocultural communities. I fully agree with your view that righting these wrongs should be a moral issue for everyone and I will make it a priority during these discussions to ensure that, whatever action is taken, it will be designed to gain the attention and support of all Canadians.

This will help to build the kind of public climate which will ensure that similar injustices are never repeated. Only by building overwhelming support for human rights in Canada can we ensure that violations of those rights never occur again. Acknowledgment of our past failures in this regard is absolutely essential.

Before belittling this prime minister and this government's commitment, therefore, critics would do well to remember that this is the only government and the only prime minister with the courage and leadership to have ever openly acknowledged Canada's errors and sought public atonement for them.

Gerry Weiner
Minister of State
Multiculturalism and Citizenship
Ottawa

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SAYS J.B. OFF BASE

It appears that one of your weekly columnists has some problems in filling the space allotted to him and must contrive to keep his column alive.

We, the Vaad Harabbonim of Toronto, are much disturbed by the tone and tenor of J. B. Salsberg's article captioned "Why Are Our Bathurst Streets Being Balkanized?"

As a devotee of Yiddish, it appears to us that he is suffering from a malady known as *"a chisoron az die kalah is tzu shein* — it's a shame that the bride is too beautiful." Is he pained by the fact that Orthodox Judaism has come of age? If so, honesty dictates that he declare this anguish openly.

His remarks i.e. "Orthodox isolationism", are wholly out of order and a blatant misrepresentation of readily available facts. Not only are Orthodox Jews vitally involved in communal activities, they are in the very forefront.

At present, or in the recent past, Orthodox Jews have served as presidents of Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region), Toronto Jewish Congress, Jewish Family and Child Service, Baycrest, Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Community Hebrew Academy, etc. etc.

Is this a display of insularization? Moreover, while the Reichmann family can obviously speak for itself, if the columnist were to accomplish one per cent of what they have done for the overall Jewish community, he ought consider himself fulfilled. Not only have they contributed in a most liberal fashion to the ingathering of Jews from the Soviet Union, but they were also pivotally instrumental in persuading the Russian government to open its doors and allow for emigration.

May we strongly suggest that Mr. Salsberg check his facts before wandering into areas he obviously knows precious little about.

Rabbi Amram Assayag
President Vaad Harabbonim
Toronto

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SHAARE ZEDEK RESPONSE

It is with great pride and pleasure that I write to thank the hundreds of people who responded so generously to my recent project on behalf of the orthopedics department at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. Although my book, Behind Hospital Walls, traces a period of intense difficulty for me here in Toronto, I am certain that this would not occur at Shaare Zedek and the generosity of my friends in Toronto have helped assure that its fine services can continue.

Harry Henig
Toronto

name game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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ATLAS — BIKEL

Acronyms were usually formed from the initials of names of a distinguished ancestor.

Some, however, were coined from a sentence or phrase:

Atlas — Ach Tov L'Yisrael Selah (So good to Israel)

Shalit — SHeyichye L'orech Yomim Tovim (May he live for many happy days)

Bilov — Baruch Hu L'olam Amen V'Amen (Blessed is He forever. Amen and Amen)

Barbash — Baruch Hu Baruch SH'mo (Blessed is He. Blessed is His name)

Bikel — B'nai Israel K'doshim L'elohim (The children of Israel are holy to the Lord)

Wallach — V'ahavta L'reacha KH'mocha (and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself)

May have an effect on small children

Images coming from Israel impact on all Jews

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I am writing this on the 28th of January, a few days into the second week of the war.

• Since the conflict started, we have seen many pictures from the war zone, and of course images from Israel leave their very special impact. We, like others, have been trying to reach our relatives and friends in Israel and uniformly have been reassured by them, rather than the other way around.

Rabbi Plaut

It was no different in the days when I was abroad at the front, during the Second World War, and my family were left behind. Being exposed to daily danger was somehow more bearable to us than to our dear ones back home. They worried constantly, while we — all exposed to the same dangers — became accustomed to the stress. We, too, wrote comforting letters back home. We knew where and how we were, while they prayed, worried and hoped. So it is today.

• One hears terrible stories about the trauma which the war has created for small children in Israel — the putting on of gas masks, the hysterical refusal of some little ones to don them and, on occasion, the hesitant conclusion of the parents to let it be. Who will ever be able to add up the toll which the mental trauma of the war exacts from both children and adults? As the years go by, some, and perhaps most, will be able to assimilate it all, but there will be others who will bear the scars for the rest of their lives.

• In Canada, things are different of course. For many adults and children, the war images are little more than a kind of theatre, remote, and not very real, but for others, they are traumatic. A friend tells me that his children have begun to live in a state of fear, which is reinforced by the discussions that they hear in school. Here, too, one does not know how much will be permanently imprinted upon the psyche of his children.

• There are those who are currently in the reserves and that vast number of young men, especially in the United States, who fear that a draft will be coming if the war drags on. For them, radio and television have a message that is not remote at all, and is rather like the old pictorial figure of Uncle Sam pointing at the onlooker and saying, "I want you."

• I have read of two old people who live in a small room in Tel Aviv but cannot seal it off because they share a portion of it with their neighbors. The only room they really can call their own is their tiny toilet — and there they sit for hours on end with their gas masks, listening to the radio and wondering how it was possible that life came down to confining them in this fashion.

• There is the Auschwitz survivor who cannot bring himself to seal up a room in his apartment; the memories of a sealed room from the days of the concentration camp are simply too powerful.

• The former prime minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto, was in Toronto not long ago and gave an address to a prominent civic club. She delivered herself of the following observation: The Islamic nations would not act against Israel as long as she did not defend herself. But they would unite as one if she would have the nerve to strike back. One observer told me that the speaker was totally unaware that the moral position she had laid before her audience was incomprehensible to their ears and minds.

• I hear that one-third of the American air raids are presently devoted toward searching out the locations of Scud missiles in Iraq. Someone asked me whether this news will not be grist for the mills of perennial Jew-haters. Will they not say, "Look, this is proof that the war which Americans really fight for and at the behest of Jews?" Let them say that and we will deal with it in time. It is more important right now that no more bombs will fall on Haifa and Tel Aviv.

War results in some unusual alliances

By
RUTH R. WISSE

Contrary to everything that we hear, there are really two concurrent wars being fought in the Middle East. One began on Aug. 2, 1990 with the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. The other began on May 15, 1948 with the invasion of Israel by the combined armies of the Arab world. Iraq's aggression against Kuwait is being opposed by a large coalition of forces determined to restore regional peace. Israel has always fought off Arab aggression on its own.

Ruth R. Wisse

The contrast between these two wars provides a useful lesson in international affairs. Kuwait, a British protectorate until 1961, is a small sheikhdom of about two million inhabitants, more than 69 per cent of them foreign nationals who work in the country without rights of citizenship. The moment Kuwait was attacked by Iraq (which has claimed the territory throughout this century) the United Nations mobilized in condemnation, and the United States began to mobilize for war. An attack on Kuwait was perceived as a threat to the supply of oil which is Kuwait's outstanding asset, and the lifeline of western economy.

The Arab war against Israel continues since 1948, sometimes on simmer and sometimes on boil, depending on the mood in the Arab world and on simultaneous intra-Arab conflicts. Far from mobilizing in condemnation of this aggression, the United Nations yielded so steadily to Arab pressure that by 1975 it had become the major forum of anti-Israel propaganda. It was at the UN that the Arab and Communist blocs succeeded in isolating Israel politically, with shamefully ineffective resistance from either the democratic or so-called unaligned countries. The United States alone protected Israel from this diplomatic isolation, recognizing its worth as a democratic ally against precisely the coalition of dictators that was ranged against it. The United States also helped to blunt the persistent Arab economic boycott of Israel and supplied necessary arms in times of danger. But no foreign soldiers ever defended Israel from its would-be destroyers.

This is understandable. Democracies, reluctant to go to war, will only do so in their perceived self-interest, and the material resources of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are of more compelling self-interest to Americans than the moral resources of Israel. That is why the Israelis have always known that they would have to fight alone for their survival, and that is why Kuwait and Saudi Arabia felt certain that they would not.

But what happens when these two interests run counter to one another? What happens when the United States, in protecting legitimate interests, joins forces with Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Egypt, all but one still dedicated to the destruction of Israel? What happened was that the United States and its democratic allies subordinated the security of Israel to their political convenience. Arab dictators had to be assured that the war to protect them would not interfere with the pan-Arab war against Israel, which Saddam Hussein would be free to revitalize at his discretion. Arabs were permitted to draw Jewish blood in sufficient supply (and with enough symbolic significance) so that the demands of Arab "honor" and "unity" should be satisfied.

For the first time in its history, Israel was persuaded to huddle defensively rather than to strike pre-emptively, with what adverse affects to the political and moral life of the Jews remains to be seen.

Of course this is not the whole story. Israelis may have felt they had something to gain by acceding to the demands of the United States that they sustain a first strike. Recognizing in Saddam Hussein their most dangerous enemy, they may consider the wholesale destruction of his offensive capability a fair compensation for the damage to their country.

Then, too, the speed with which the United States dispatched defensive missiles and their crews to Israel after the first attack shows that it feels considerable responsibility for Israeli lives.

Nevertheless, having once subordinated the security of Israel, the United States and its democratic allies will be under pressure from the Arabs, as soon as their fraternal war has ended, to restore Arab harmony by *sacrificing* Israeli security. Their freshly-proven economic leverage will encourage those Arab rulers who emerge strongest from the war to demand from the allies the control over Israel they could not gain through military action. This is what is meant by linkage. The invasion of Kuwait by Iraq indisputably resembles the earlier invasion of Israel by Syria, Egypt, Jordan, and Iraq, with the sole difference that Israel was able to defend itself and Kuwait could not. "Linkage" is the Arab demand that whatever is lost by an individual Arab nation in the current war in the Gulf should be made good by a collective Arab gain in their ongoing war against Israel.

Realpolitik may satisfactorily explain why democracies would consider their economic security a higher incentive for resisting aggression than their obligation to a fellow democracy. But were the United States and its democratic allies ever to deprive Israel of its hard-won minimal security in order to buy off rulers who could not destroy Israel on their own, it would no longer be realpolitik: it would be villainy.

Gulf conflict *should* help to unite ethnic communities

By
ELAINE KAHN

Part of the shock is that this war came too soon. Too soon after the Cold War (if, given current problems in the U.S.S.R., that has in fact ended). Too soon, frankly, after the Holocaust.

Elaine Kahn

This war is my worst nightmare come true, except it's not being fought on Canadian soil. Not only has the day finally come when diabolically dirty weaponry is being used, but also I am finally having to really confront the question that haunts one's life as a Jew here: if Canada and Israel were at war, whom would you fight for?

Luckily this time both of us are on the same side, Canada as a combatant and Israel, as of my last regular every-half-hour news update, biding its time. But the question still hovers, because the war is still young and Israel's future role uncertain.

Arab Canadians had to face a similar question immediately and my heart goes out to them, although I can't for the life of me understand why so many seem to be supporters of Saddam Hussein. Still, it's their right. It's terribly wrong for other Canadians to harass them and I was glad to see both Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith publicly condemn this racism.

It is worth noting, however, that, so far, the official bodies of the Japanese, German and Ukrainian Canadian communities have not felt similarly compelled. Let alone how sad it is that ethnic splits are being played upon at all.

Please forgive me if I'm being naive — this is truly my first war — but I thought wartime meant pulling together.

Both the CJC and B'nai Brith added to my sense of splits in the first days of the war when, regarding the possibility of Israeli retaliation, their spokespeople indicated that "our" patience is growing thin. Excuse me, but "we" are not Israelis and surely a real war is no time for us to continue to engage in our favorite factional community parlor game of fighting till the last Israeli. The only government we should be trying to influence is our own — if we can find it.

Another split that seems ripe for exploitation is the gender gap. The National Action Council on the Status of Women (NAC) is calling on women across Canada to protest the war, using the tired, insulting, fairyland cliche that men are the ones who make war and women must stop them.

I don't believe NAC or any other major women's organization ever fought against the right of women to join the military — quite the opposite, if memory serves. What is the message here: that women who join the armed forces aren't women? That it's okay for them to join as long as they don't fight?

But, of course, hypocrisies in wartime are legion. In peace time, peace activists worldwide are usually relegated to the lunatic fringe and are abysmally underfunded. War breaks out, their numbers hyperinflate and their status grows in many circles that otherwise shun them.

Where have all these born-agains been hiding when tax money was spent on arms and when military industries became the largest in the world? Why is any peacetime talk of pulling out of NATO met with such derision? Bottom line, the military is not there for peace, it's there for war. So why this overwhelming reaction of "uh, duh, like how did this happen and like how did Saddam get such a big army anyhow, eh?"

I've never had the slightest interest in military strategies or ordnance, but geez, I at least knew they existed and were breeding. And it has always seemed to me that, once something exists, it gets used. Which is why I've grown up frightened.

I was a teenager during most of the Vietnam war years. Moreover, a university-bound female teenager living in a country not directly involved in the fighting. From that cozy armchair quarterback position. I asserted that, were I drafted, I would not serve.

This had nothing to do with the aims of the war, its justness or lack thereof, or a fear of dying. It was far less complicated: I couldn't picture myself killing anyone.

Years later, when my husband and I moved to New York, he handed me a knife that my late father-in-law had had during his Canadian army service in the Second World War and told me to keep it handy in my desk, should we ever have an intruder while I was alone. I laughed, which upset him, so I put it into a desk drawer, just to make him feel better. All it did was make me nervous.

I still don't think I could kill anybody. The difference between now and the Vietnam years is that I now know enough to appreciate those who are willing, if called upon, to kill on my behalf.

War makes me long for home

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I wanna go home because conditions in the world are so disturbing, so depressing and here I am in a strange land. At home I would attempt to exercise influence in the world hurling to an abyss.

This morning I woke early, turned on the TV that keeps me imprisoned here for every waking moment. Anyway, what I saw on the screen was an interview with Yitzhak Shamir. He looked so sad, he merely murmured when pressed by the journalist. My heart went out to him because of the terrible position they're putting Israel in.

And of course Iraq threatens Israel all the time and its missiles also land on Israeli soil. And yet the world would be so glad to have him moderate a little.

In addition, personally, I have a brother-in-law who went into hospital the morning of the day I arrived. My sister is there every day from morning till midnight. We are all very concerned, even my friends here.

On top of it all, today's paper has a three-column headline: Quebec Plan Points Canada Toward Break-up, Analysts Say. I said, Oh my God, this yet we need.

Despite the weather, in all seriousness, I'm anxious to leave it all and go home.

However, a bit of good news. I'm blessed with a lot of good and very devoted friends here. They do what they can to cheer me up and I try to suggest to myself maybe I'm too pessimistic and too worried.

I wouldn't mind if that were so, rather than the reality immediately ahead that I find to be so disturbing and robbing me of sleep.

J.B. Salsberg

J.B. is paying his annual visit to Florida. His weekly column will resume when he returns; in the meantime we are receiving occasional reports from him.

Features

War bolsters Germany's relationship with Israel

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The conflict in the Persian Gulf has bolstered Germany's relationship with Israel, highlighted the involvement of German companies in the supply of war materiel to Iraq and renewed Bonn's commitment to the anti-Iraqi multinational coalition.

Last month, after Iraq fired the latest round of Scud missiles into Israel, Chancellor Helmut Kohl reacted indignantly. "It is a clear blow against Israel's integrity and right to exist, for which we Germans have a special responsibility," he said.

Announcing an immediate $165 million (U.S.) package of humanitarian aid to Israel, Kohl thereupon dispatched his foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, to Israel in a gesture of solidarity with the Jewish state.

During his two-day visit, Genscher toured a Scud-devastated neighborhood in Tel Aviv and held talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy.

Following Genscher's trip, Germany came through with additional assistance to Israel — a $666 million (U.S.) defence package consisting of Patriot, Hawk and Stinger missiles, two submarines, 10 helicopters, 100,000 gas masks and medical supplies.

The aid is a reflection of Germany's good bilateral relations with Israel and its concern for Israel's security. It is also an implicit acknowledgement of guilt for Germany's Nazi past and remorse for the role German firms played in strengthening Iraq militarily.

When Genscher visited Israel, angry demonstrators marched in front of the German Embassy in Tel Aviv, carrying placards decrying what German companies had done in recent years. It is believed that they aided Iraq in the production of poisonous gas and upgraded its military infrastructure.

The revulsion was not confined to Israel. In Bonn, thousands of protesters carried symbolic coffins decorated with the corporate logos of German firms that have sold military technology to the Iraqi armed forces. One placard read: Death is a Businessman from Germany.

Germany has rigorous guidelines banning the export of military materiel to areas of tension such as the Middle East. Nevertheless, German companies have managed to contravene them. Last week, Prime Minister Shamir said that Bonn's efforts to control arms exports had been "simply too weak."

Hans-Dietrich Genscher

More than 100 such firms are currently being investigated for breaking the law, according to Economics Minister Jurgen Mollemann.

They are accused of assisting Iraq in building a poison gas factory, of supplying machine tools and lathes to manufacture shell casings and bombs, and of helping the Iraqis modify their Scuds so as to increase their range.

Among the 400 German hostages held in Iraq before the Gulf War were technicians and executives who allegedly worked in facilities designed to manufacture poison gas.

German industrialists with connections to Iraq — and Libya — have been under scrutiny for at least the past two years.

•Last month, the state prosecutor in Darmstadt disclosed that executives of three German companies would go on trial for illegally supplying Iraq with the technological wherewithal to manufacture chemical weapons.

The defendants are employed by the Karl Kolb company and its subsidiary, Pilot Plant, and by Water Engineering. The German media claim that the government was aware of Karl Kolb's activities as early as 1981, but did nothing to stop the construction of a poison gas plant in Samarra because the accusations could not be substantiated.

•In August 1990, the Washington Post claimed that public prosecutors were examining allegations that some 50 German companies had sold Iraq plants and know-how that could be used to build chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

The newspaper also reported that investigations had been launched to ascertain whether certain companies had sold Iraq centrifuges capable of enriching uranium for use in nuclear bombs and laboratories that could produce nerve gas.

In the face of these reports, Foreign Minister Genscher urged German businessmen to mend their ways. "The good name of German industry is at stake here," he declared. Opposition politicians, however, accused the government of insufficient vigilance against such sales.

The Federal Economic Office, which reviews about 75,000 export applications each year, may be at fault for the oversights. It is very short-staffed.

•Der Spiegel, a mass-circulation newsmagazine, reported shortly afterward that Germany's largest arms manufacturer, Messerschmidt Bolkow Blom (MBB), had secretly supplied Iraq, via Egypt, with 10,000 anti-tank missiles and several thousand anti-aircraft rockets. MBB is a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz, the car and truck manufacturer.

•In January 1989, the New York Times reported that Iraq had received a shipment of poison, suitable for biological warfare, from a German company, Sigma Chemie.

German companies have also been active in Libya, which is among the most vociferous opponents of Israel.

•Last June, Jurgen Hippenstiel-Imhausen — the proprietor of a chemical manufacturing concern — was sent to prison for five years for helping arrange the construction of a poison gas factory near the Libyan town of Rabta.

•In October 1989, a Munich prosecutor was quoted as saying that a German firm, Globe Sat, had shipped missile components to Libya.

•Der Spiegel, in January 1989, claimed that Intec, a German company, had helped Libya convert transport planes into tankers to refuel jet fighters in flight to reach Israel. Intec was then under criminal investigation for breaking Germany's export control laws.

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Before the Gulf War broke out, Germany was criticized, both at home and abroad, for not contributing enough to the international coalition ranged against Iraq.

By the eve of the war, Bonn had contributed about $3.5 billion (U.S.) — $2.2 billion to the allied war effort and $1.3 billion to countries — Egypt, Turkey and Jordan — whose economies had been badly affected by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

As well, Germany had sent minesweepers and frigates to patrol the Persian Gulf and armored vehicles to the Arabian peninsula to detect chemical poisons.

Early in January, about two weeks before the outbreak of war, Bonn dispatched a squadron of 18 Alpha jets and about 270 pilots and support crew to defend Turkey in the event of an attack by Iraq. It was the first time since the Second World War that a German armed unit had been sent to a war zone.

The planes joined squadrons from Italy and Belgium. Germany said that the aircraft — which are stationed in a base several hundred kilometres from the Iraqi border — would serve as a deterrent — but not take part in an offensive against Iraq. Germany's constitution forbids it from conducting offensive operations abroad.

Turkey, like Germany, is not only a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), but a member of the international coalition confronting Iraq. Germany's relations with Turkey are of a longstanding nature. During the First World War, when Turkey had a farflung Middle Eastern empire, the two countries fought on the same side.

The dispatch of Alphas to Turkey caused a political row in Germany, home to a large anti-war movement.

Some politicians feared that Germany was sliding into war and not exerting enough pressure on the United States to solve the Gulf crisis by peaceful means.

Still others, those who had few qualms about the idea of German planes on Turkish soil, nevertheless wondered whether the Alphas should be ordered into action in the event of Iraqi aggression against Turkey.

These misgivings so irritated the Turkish government that Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, in a TV interview, observed: "I think Germany has become so rich that it has completely lost its fighting spirit."

Despite Ozal's provocative barb, it remains unclear whether Germany will in fact abide by its NATO obligation and defend Turkey should it be attacked by Iraq.

Bonn, however, has left no doubts where its sympathies lie. Last week, in yet another move designed to help the coalition, Germany decided to send anti-aircraft batteries to Turkey — and an additional $5.5 billion to the allies to defray costs for the first three months of this year.

In a speech to parliament, Chancellor Kohl reminded Germans that they cannot be neutral. "There can be no safe little corner in world politics for us Germans," he declared. "We have to face up to our responsibility, whether we like it or not."

David Levy

Patriot missile batteries operated by a mixed crew

By
BRADLEY BURSTON

A PATRIOT BASE IN ISRAEL (JPFS)— It could be any army camp, anywhere. The smells are the same, the slippery, rancid odors of oiled tent canvas, gun-cleaning fluid, and new mud.

But a second look at the sentries gives it away. They are different somehow, and not only because some of them are Americans suddenly flown into Israel from Germany and the rest Israeli soldiers airlifted from Texas.

They are different because of the way they stand, their backs turned away from a sunset of astonishing splendor. From this vantage point, the world looks like a calm and remarkably well-balanced place. But the soldiers' eyes are not on the sunset. They stand watchful and wary, as though they hold the future of Israel in their very hands.

And they do.

Two weeks ago, there was nothing on this spot but weeds. But a dozen Iraqi missiles sent these soldiers to this place, to erect and operate an air-defence system that generally takes six weeks to two months to deploy. The mixed crew of Americans and Israelis had the equipment running barely 30 hours after it touched down in Israel. And, at that, it was nearly too late.

The attacks by Scuds, the lineal descendants of rockets used by Nazi Germany against wartime London, have forced U.S. and Israeli anti-aircraft strategists into a profound re-evaluation of long-held theories of missile defence.

Seen against a series of tactical disappointments, including massive aerial bombardments of plywood dummy launchers, the Patriot has emerged as the principal pleasant surprise of the allied Gulf War.

Originally designed to bring down aircraft, the refitted Patriot was given scant chance of blunting Saddam's missile threat. Tests of advanced Patriot systems showed less than one out of three hitting incoming targets.

However, observes a Western weapons analyst, "the Patriot was being tested against missiles considerably more advanced than the Scud. We have seen that, despite the refinements that the Iraqis and client scientists have made, and despite the fact the Scud can cause great harm, and even greater psychological damage to populations, it remains among the world's most primitive of sophisticated weapons."

So far, if military reports and independent confirmations are accurate, Patriots fired from batteries in Saudi Arabia and Israel have hit nearly every Iraqi missile fired at urban areas.

The Patriots guarding Israeli population centres received their first tests almost immediately after they were put into place, when an Israeli crew manning a Patriot battery here picked up the first signals of a Scud fired from Western Iraq.

Five days before, that crew had been undergoing intensive Patriot training in a remote Texas base, when word came of a brace of Iraqi missiles fired at Tel Aviv and Haifa. "Our feeling was that we had to come back here as fast as possible, to do the job here for which we'd been sent there," Capt. Haim, the young commander of the Patriot battery, recalled later.

The battery crew had been jubilant when orders were received to return to Israel immediately, and even more so when ground control instruments showed that the two Patriots they fired one night had met and destroyed the incoming Scud.

But the adrenalin "high" of apparent success dissolved in pain and sadness barely two minutes later, as the crew received word that the Scud warhead had survived the hit, slamming into a densely-populated neighborhood of Ramat Gan.

A subsequent air force inquiry determined that the crew had executed its duties to the letter, but that the Patriot had struck the rear portion of the Scud, shredding the engine and deflecting the missile so that the warhead crashed and exploded short of its intended target.

Unofficial sources said that refinements were made in coordination between the American and Israeli Patriot detachments, adjustments that may have played a role in the successful downing of a Scud over Northern Israel the next night.

Widespead military surprise and satisfaction with the Patriot notwithstanding, air defence authorities caution that the challenge the Patriot faces is immense. True security will not come until a way is found to defang Saddam's H2 and H3 complex of underground launchers, missiles, and launcher and rocket factories.

Ironically, the relative backwardness of the Scud makes it in some respects more difficult to track and destroy. It is, in fact, little more than a self-propelled artillery shell, hurtling what amounts to a flying car-bomb out of the Earth's atmosphere and re-entering in a nearly vertical drop to its target.

It bears no electronic controls that could be locked-on or confused. It simply drops toward its target at mind-bending speed -up to 10 times that of sound, by one estimate.

In order to intercept the Scud, the Patriot has to be launched nearly instantaneously, rise to great height as quickly as possible, and then make ground-radar-guided lightning course-corrections before meeting the Scud head on.

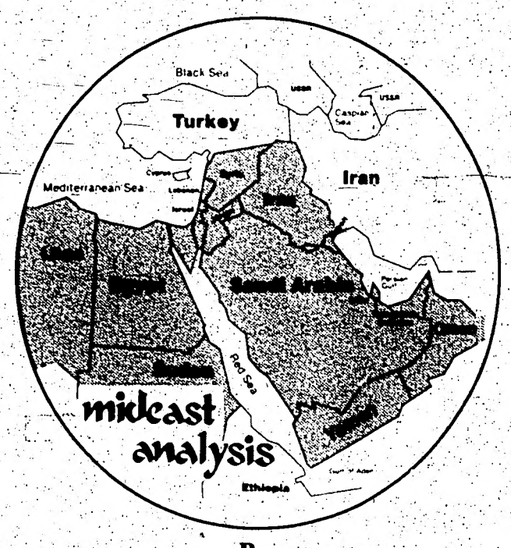
Each Patriot battery is said to be able to pick up as many as 100 incoming targets at once, firing up to eight missiles almost simultaneously and from as far away as 12 km. Though each battery can protect only a limited geographical area, defence strategists have turned aside suggestions that Patriots be stationed in all areas of the country.

"In the first place, as long as Iraq does not enter Jordanian territory, Saddam's missile range remains limited," a defence authority said last week. "Secondly, the batteries that are now in place represent a substantial measure of protection for the population at risk."

Finally, the authority observed, to provide Patriots for every corner of Israel would cost half of the entire annual defence budget. Some missile defence experts have taken a measure of comfort in the fact that the number of Iraqi Scuds fired from Western Iraq has declined, from eight in the first attack to four the next. One missile reached Israeli air space in each of the midweek attacks, they note.

But while it is believed that Iraq's Western sector commander has been instructed to fire as many missiles as often as he can at Israeli targets, local experts stop short of calling the decline in missiles an indication of appreciable damage to Saddam's Scud apparatus.

Iraq also wages war through unconventional means



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Iraqi tank columns stormed into the abandoned Saudi Arabian town of Kafji last week, hitting allied forces there in the first major land engagement of the Gulf War.

It may well be that Saddam Hussein has changed tactics. Until the Kafji assault, which was beaten back at the cost of 11 U.S. marines, Iraq was content to wage war through unconventional means.

Before Kafji, Iraq had hunkered down, fired ballistic missiles at Israel (and Saudi Arabia), caused a massive oil spill/ecological disaster in the Persian Gulf, sent some of its best combat planes to neighboring Iran for safe-keeping and instigated a terrorist campaign abroad aided and abetted by radical Palestinians.

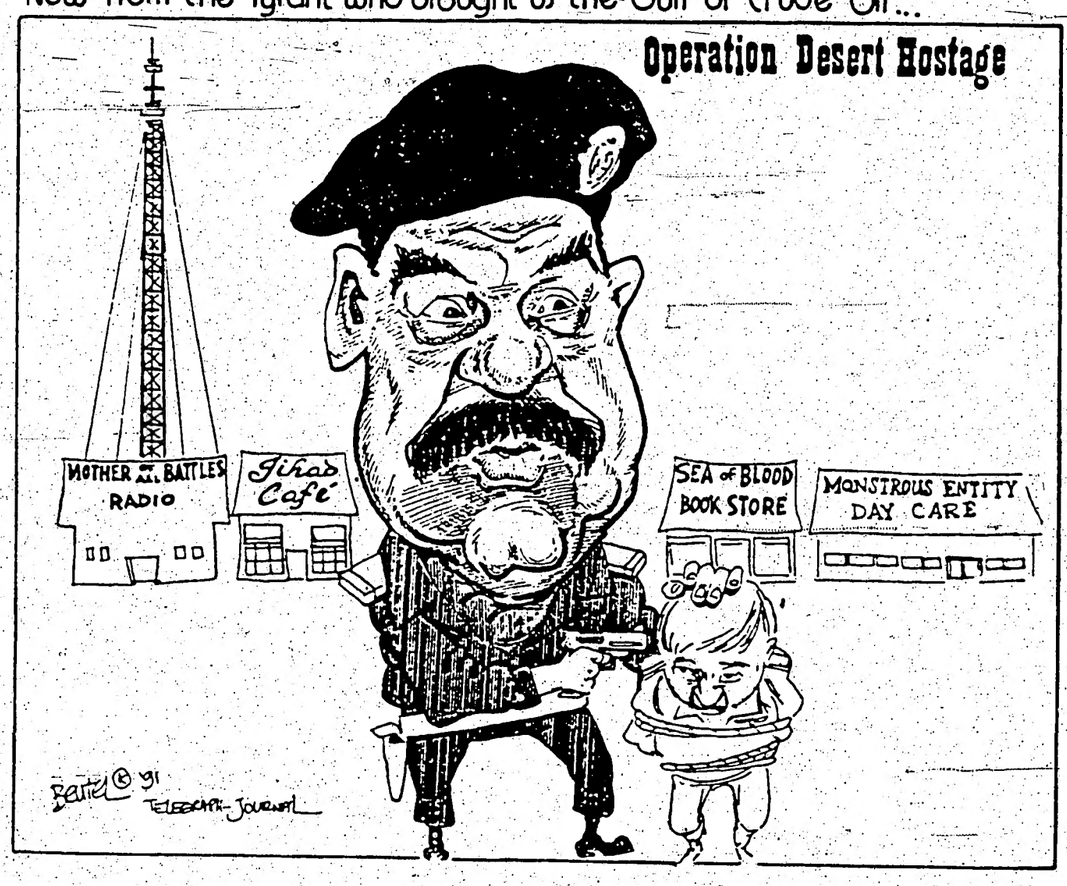
Iraq's unorthodox strategy was designed to conserve its chief battlefield "assets" until the allies launched a massive offensive, to prolong the conflict and thereby sow discontent in the United States and Western Europe, and to fracture the international coalition by bringing Israel into the war.

The United States and its allies have hammered Iraq in an unprecedented, relentless air campaign in which about 2,000 sorties are flown every day. Among the targets have been command and control centres, radar stations, anti-aircraft batteries, airfields, missile launchers, oil refineries, power plants, chemical and nuclear facilities and army bunkers.

On the eve of the war, the commander of the American expeditionary force in the region, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, promised he would throw everything in his "tool box" at Iraq. As he put it: "We have vastly superior fire power and technology... I am going to use every single thing that is available to me to bring as much destruction to the Iraqi forces as rapidly as I possibly can in the hopes of winning victory as quickly as possible."

In fact, victory does not loom on the horizon. But in continuously hammering Iraq, the coalition has deployed awesome air power (including the radar-evading Stealth fighter-bomber) and a dizzying array of "smart" computerized weaponry being tested in combat for the first time (surface-hugging Tomahawk cruise missiles, laser-guided bombs and the Patriot air-defence system).

Although these much-vaunted weapon systems seem to have been effective in destroying or crippling swaths of Iraq's military infrastructure and ensuring allied air supremacy, Iraq has not cracked, as the battles in Kafji show. Analysts believe that allied air raids have not sapped Iraq's fighting abilities, nor its capacity to adapt and to repair damage.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After Kafji, it's plain that air power alone will not have the desired effect of crushing Iraq and prompting it to surrender.

Iraq, having absorbed the first powerful blows without capitulating, is conserving its army and the bulk of its air force for what Saddam has described as "the mother of all battles." Iraq's manoeuvres are not entirely original. It will be recalled that the Soviet Union, pressed hard by Germany in the first phase of Operation Barbarossa, fell into retreat, only to counter-attack later on. The circumstances in the Gulf are different and not do not favor Iraq, but this, nevertheless, appears to be Saddam's game plan.

Saddam had five months to build bunkers, fortifications, berms and tank traps in southern Iraq and occupied Kuwait as the United States rushed men and materiel to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. Iraqi troops, particularly the Republican Guards, have dug in deeply. Early reports that the Republican Guards were "decimated" by high-altitude B-52 carpet bombing appear to have been highly exaggerated. Saddam is still waiting for a concerted allied push on the ground, which is widely expected by the middle or end of February.

And Saddam has preserved his air force, notwithstanding preliminary reports to the contrary. According to American intelligence reports, the backbone of Iraq's air force of some 700 planes is ensconsced in concrete-and-steel bunkers, some of which have been bombed by allied raids. The 50 or so planes that Iraq has definitely lost have been hit on the ground or shot down in dogfights. Iraqi pilots have flown some 90 aircraft, including Mirages and MIGs, to sanctuary in neutral Iran. The Iranians, who fought the Iraqis in an eight-year war, have promised to impound the planes until war's end.

Observers believe that Iraq will activate its air force in earnest once serious land hostilities begin. Iraq's purpose would be to inflict heavy casualties on American and allied soldiers and their equipment.

Baghdad's indiscriminate use of Scud missiles against Israeli civilians, though shocking and outrageous, is hardly surprising. Saddam and his foreign minister repeatedly warned that Israel would be Iraq's first target if attacked by the allies. Saddam's assumption was that Israel would retaliate, at least after the second or third missile barrage, and thus transform the Gulf war into an Arab-Israeli struggle, possibly involving Jordan and Syria.

The Scuds, which are militarily inconsequential, have terrorized Israelis to some degree. There have been a number of fatalities, many more injuries, damage to residential neighborhoods and homelessness for up to 2,000 Israelis. But Israel has exercised self-restraint — a policy encouraged by the United States and supported by about 80 per cent of the populace — and thereby confounded Iraq and evoked Western sympathy and financial backing.

But if Iraq launches Scuds fitted with chemical warheads against Israel, Israel will probably respond.

It is doubtful whether the Iraqi-induced oil slick in the Persian Gulf, the largest in history, will affect a U.S. amphibious assault on occupied Kuwait. The United States has reportedly stemmed the flow of oil, although the wildlife in the region and the beaches have been devastated.

On the eve of the war, extremist Palestinian figures in sympathy with Iraq, such as Mohammed Abbas (Palestine Liberation Front) and George Habash (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine), pledged to attack U.S. and Western interests around the world. There have been more than two dozen such attacks in Western Europe, Southeast Asia, Turkey, Egypt and Yemen, but they have been insignificant. Terrorism will not have any bearing on the allied prosecution of the war. In Southern Lebanon, meanwhile, pro-Iraqi Palestinian forces have rained rockets down on Israel's self-declared security zone.

Saddam hopes that these ploys, as well as a grinding ground war he is manoeuvering the coalition into, will enable Iraq to draw out the fighting, create a bloodbath and trigger anti-war sentiment in such key nations as the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Support for the allied air campaign in these countries is strong. But what happens when the body bags start coming home? Saddam is counting on disillusionment with, and opposition to, the war once the toll reaches unacceptable proportions.

By softening up Iraq with endless bombing sorties, the United States is hoping to forestall this scenario. The last thing the allies need is a slogging match of indefinite duration, a frontal assault with untold casualties.

Saddam believes that the United States has no stomach for that kind of a war, and he may be right. The Bush administration was counting on a successful air war that would knock out Iraq. But that is no longer in the cards.

Some Israeli strategists have criticized the United States for not having launched a sustained ground assault immediately after the first aerial bombardment of Iraq on Jan. 16. A combined operation, they suggest, would have stunned and disoriented Iraq.

But that as it may, the allies will have at least a couple of advantages in a ground war.

•Supremacy in the air — The U.S. air force, which will bear the brunt of the action, is expected to outclass the Iraqis, assuming their planes leave their underground hangars. In air-to-air combat so far, Iraq has fared poorly. Besides, the allies have many more planes than Iraq, and Saddam will inevitably run short of spare parts, given the United Nations' embargo.

In the Iran-Iraq War, Iraqi pilots shunned dogfights and preferred to drop their bombs — often inaccurately — from high altitudes and out of reach of anti-aircraft fire.

With the allies dominating the skies, Iraqi armor will be extremely vulnerable, just as Egyptian tanks and artillery were virtually picked off at will by Israel in the Six Day War. The coalition, therefore, will be in an ideal position to choke off Iraqi supply lines to Kuwait. Gen. Colin Powell, the overall commander of U.S. forces, put it succinctly: "First, we're going to cut it (Iraq's army in Kuwait) off and then we're going to kill it." This does not sound like an idle boast.

Apart from these considerations, Iraqi troops have no experience in coping with very heavy and precise enemy air attacks.

•Iraq does not have access to "real-time" intelligence. U.S. satellites and airborne radar planes can observe most Iraqi moves. Iraq's capabilities pale by comparison. Without proper intelligence, Iraq will be fighting blind.

Iraq has a relatively well-educated officer corps, and the Iraqi army is proficient in defensive warfare, as the Iran-Iraq War demonstrated. But these advantages will probably crumble as the fighting intensifies and Iraq learns that it cannot prevail against a superpower and its allies. Iraq, of course, will be banking on a political victory, even as it is defeated militarily.

It is already clear that the liberation of Kuwait is not Washington's sole objective. As U.S. President George Bush and Secretary of Defence Dick Cheney noted recently, the overarching goal of Operation Desert Storm is to destroy Iraq's military machine so that it cannot threaten the other nations of the Middle East again.

Much to Israel's satisfaction, allied air strikes have reportedly smashed Iraq's nuclear facilities as well as its chemical and biological factories. It is questionable whether Iraq will be able to recover from these blows.

Militarily, Iraq is doomed. Sooner or later, Iraq will be defanged and put into its place. Hopefully, this process will not take too long or exact frightful casualties.

A new Middle East order may well be created

BY GERALD M. STEINBER

Like most other Israeli citizens, the people on my block are well disciplined in times of national emergency. In between attacks and false alarms, all of us are trying to continue normal lives and to prevent giving Saddam Hussein and his backers the satisfaction of pushing us into panic.

While this would drive any other society mad, we seem to have accepted the absurd and macabre scenes of going to work, visiting our friends and going shopping carrying gas masks. According to an informal poll I conducted at our local market this week, most people also accept the government's policy of "restraint," at least for now.

In exchange for supporting the government's decision to postpone Israel's promised military strike and a swift end to this terror, however, we have great expectations. My neighbors, like most Israelis, know that the successful pursuit of the war against Iraq will end the threat of missiles and chemical attacks against all the countries in the region, including Israel. The nightmares of chemical warfare, with the gas masks and rows of water hoses outside hospitals to wash down victims, will never be erased, but they can be diminished from our memories.

The end to this threat, in itself, is a significant and important goal, but for many the payoff for tolerating the terror of the past few days must extend far beyond this. After living with a series of wars and continuous terrorism for decades, Israeli nerves were already frayed at the edges. The fact that we are able to lead almost normal lives despite all this stress does not mean that we are unaffected. No other modern society has any notion of the daily stresses of life in Israel.

This war must not simply end with the continuation of the other forms of terror inflicted on Israel. Some of America's allies, such as the Syrians and Saudi Arabia, still maintain a state of war with Israel. This must end, and part of the overall peace agreement at the end of the war with Iraq must include explicit acceptance of the presence and legitimacy of Israel.

Syria also has an arsenal of chemical weapons and missiles; after the war with Iraq is over, the threat to Israel posed by these weapons must not be allowed to remain. Having lived with this threat once, no Israeli is going to tolerate a repetition.

The daily terror faced by most Israelis is caused by the Palestinians. The residents of Kiryat Shmona and other parts of northern Israel have been subjected to attacks by Soviet-made Katyusha rockets fired by Palestinian terrorists in Southern Lebanon for years. Throughout the country, Palestinians, supported by many of the Arab states, including Syria, plant bombs, stab Israelis in the streets, and lead raids on schools, beaches, and other places.

This daily terror has taken a far greater toll than Saddam's missiles. The PLO and other sponsors of this terror are received in the capitals of the world and given legitimacy at the UN.

Once the war with Iraq is over, a regional peace process must begin. The enthusiasm with which the PLO supports Saddam and his attacks on Israel has certainly disqualified this group from participating in the postwar Middle East peace process. Like Saddam Hussein, the PLO and other sponsors of terror must have no part in the postwar negotiations.

This new international order must provide a framework within which missiles and weapons of mass destruction in the region will be effectively banned. For this effort to succeed, all of America's Arab allies must end the state of war with Israel.

At the same time, the immoral sale of technology and weapons to countries like Iraq must end. The Iraqi chemical weapons and extended-range Scud missiles used to terrorize Israel were sold by German firms (making a mockery of German moral claims and anti-war demonstrations). France sold billions of dollars in advanced aircraft and technology to Iraq, including the nuclear weapons plant which Israel destroyed in 1981.

If these actions are taken, a new order in the Middle East will indeed be created. Israelis, as well as the rest of the world, will not again face the trauma of mad dictators armed with chemical, biological and nuclear weapons provided by the West. The horror of daily Palestinian terror, stabbings and bombs, will also decrease and international support for it will end. As a result, we will be able to justify our "restraint" in the face of gas masks, midnight sirens, and missile attacks to ourselves and our children.

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Features

Harry Schwarz

Jewish S. African ambassador to be sent to Washington

WASHINGTON —

As South Africa undergoes what its more-hopeful activists call a "democratic transition" from an apartheid regime to an unknown future, Pretoria is dispatching to America a new ambassador who is as much the message as the messenger.

Harry Schwarz, a veteran Jewish community activist, a lifetime foe of apartheid, and finance spokesman for the liberal opposition Democratic Party, will arrive in Washington to take up his new post as South African envoy in March or April. The decision to appoint him — and his acceptance of the post — is seen a sign that the changes already made or initiated are irreversible.

Schwarz will arrive here as the pace of change in South Africa accelerates and the country enters a new and critical phase in the search for a formula that fully empowers blacks and other "non-whites" while safeguarding minority and individual rights.

At the same time, American groups and policymakers are beginning to re-evaluate their positions. Although he has opposed apartheid all his life, Schwarz and his party support "federalism" and oppose sanctions against the country. Like his diplomatic predecessors, Schwarz will press for the removal of sanctions and an increase in good will. But unlike them, his own reputation and the changing circumstances may combine to reward his efforts.

David Harris, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said the appointment should be interpreted as a "very significant sign of how far the Nationalist party is prepared to go in changing South African society. Otherwise it is inconceivable that a man as outspoken on the evils of apartheid and the need for a just society could be named to such a key post."

Schwarz is not the first South African Jew to be named to a diplomatic post in this country. But he is the first to assume such a major position and the first to represent liberal, anti-apartheid politics. Moreover, he got the job on his own terms. The ambassador-to-be will remain an active Democratic party member, and the Nationalist party has agreed not to contest the by-election to fill his vacancy, thus ensuring it will remain in Democratic Party hands.

Because Schwarz enjoys access to American Jewish leaders, observers have suggested the appointment may be intended to drive a wedge between liberal Jewish groups, who have backed sanctions, and the rest of the anti-apartheid movement.

Diana Aviv, co-director of domestic affairs for the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, said Schwarz's appointment "cuts two ways. On the one hand, what makes Harry Schwarz different from Abe Hoppenstein, who was the first Jew in the South African foreign service here, was that Hoppenstein was not only a member of the Nationalist party and not an ambassador, but he did not have longstanding ties with the American Jewish community."

She said Hoppenstein's attempts to woo the Jewish community were unsuccessful and weren't helped by the fact that the South African government's policies were "so anathema in every way and there was no one in the Jewish community who could have construed it as anything other than racist.

"But now they are bringing in a guy who has a longstanding tradition of being opposed to apartheid and has a substantial relationship with Council of Jewish Federation leadership and other Jewish community figures. Unlike Hoppenstein, he can pick up the phone and say David, and David Harris of the AJCommittee will take his call."

Pretoria may have calculated that as a Jew and a liberal, Schwarz would be able to make inroads in the American political landscape. Alec Goldberg, former director of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, said he was unsure "to what extent the government considers the Jewish community to be influential in American life. In certain non-Jewish circles it is thought that the Jewish community has a good deal of influence."

Goldberg said the South African Jewish community has been "very pleased" with Schwarz's posting. "He's a prominent member of the Jewish community, and it's at least an acknowledgment of the part that Jews have played in South African political affairs."

Jess Hordes, Washington representative for the Anti-Defamation League, said Schwarz "is well known to the Jewish community, and that is also seen as a plus. But ultimately, the American Jewish community is going to make its decision on the basis of how it perceives South Africa moving toward dismantling the apartheid regime. Schwarz will be in all probability a very credible spokesman for this change, but ultimately things are going to depend on what happens on the ground."

The new envoy will be trying to woo Congress and other groups — including American blacks. "His credentials go way beyond the Jewish community here," the AJCommittee's Harris said. "His anti-apartheid record is courageous and well-known to many. He has a chance to build bridges to the larger anti-apartheid constituency.

According to Goldberg, activists on the South African left in the African National Congress and within the left wing of Schwarz's own Democratic party discount the appointment because Schwarz "was hawkish in his views and had some sympathy for Nationalist party hardline views, in particular when it came to maintaining 'law and order,' as they call it, and the defence of the country. He was very strong on that."

Schwarz told Jewish groups here last fall that he opposed the ANC's foreign and economic policies. He is said to have advocated a "social market" economy and has proposed a plan equalizing spending for black and white students.

(The Forward)

Sanctions — a thorny question

Mixed signals, tangled ties

By PETER HIRSCHBERG

According to protocol, the tea party should have lasted an hour. Instead, it was over in 10 minutes.

Doya Gov-Ari, the wife of Israeli ambassador to South Africa Zvi Gov-Ari, had been invited by President F. W. de Klerk's wife, Marika, to a diplomatic tea in the president's Pretoria residence. Ten minutes into the tete-a-tete, Mrs. de Klerk's secretary entered the room and reminded Mrs. de Klerk that she had another engagement.

By itself, the abbreviated tea party might have signified little more than a social snafu. But it has to be seen as part of a web of mixed signals and garbled diplomatic messages that has tangled relations between Jerusalem and Pretoria ever since the release of Nelson Mandela last February.

The liberalizing changes wrought by de Klerk have not yet resulted in the lifting of sanctions; they have, however, won him international acclaim and invitations from the capitals of Europe and from Washington, D.C.

The South Africans are clearly nettled by what they see as Jerusalem's tardiness in inviting de Klerk to Israel. While the United States and a variety of European countries were, in early spring, inviting the South African leader to visit, Isreal was stalling. Gov-Ari, disturbed by the implications of a potential perceived snub, made a hasty flight home (paid for out of his own pocket) "to kick up a fuss about the fact that Israel was dragging its feet in issuing the invitation," according to a highly placed South African source. The ambassador returned with the invitation, but Israel is yet to be included in the South African leader's itinerary.

South Africa would also like Israel to take an initiative on the thorny question of sanctions.

In April 1987, Israel followed the lead of the European Community and implemented economic sanctions against South Africa, followed by military sanctions five months later. The international sanctions have taken a painful toll. Just over a year ago, the U.S. General Accounting Office estimated that South Africa has lost $417 million in exports to the United States alone. South Africa has now adopted a broad offensive to get the sanctions dropped or relaxed. They are looking to Israel for a gesture in that direction. "I would like to see the whole package of 1987 revoked," said John Viljoen, South Africa's ambassador to Israel, in an interview. "I would like to see at least a signal being sent that there is appreciation for steps taken so far. There are certain governments that have indicated that they are going to begin lifting sanctions. Israel, however, is still only reviewing."

Pretoria has been sending signals of its own. The government recently refused to allow the transfer to Israel of over one million rand (approximately $400,000 U.S.) collected by the Jewish community over the High Holy days for Soviet immigration.

A request made last year for the ceiling to be raised on the amount the community is entitled to send to Israel has also not yet been granted. Viljoen acknowledges that there have been problems involving money transfers to Israel, but insists that the reasons are "purely domestic." He concedes, however, that some South African Jews have "perceptions" that the transfer holdup is a sign of increased tension.

F.W. de Klerk

That tension was discussed recently in a meeting between South African Zionist Federation officials and Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. "We have been receiving a number of signals from Pretoria that indicate that the relationship with Israel is crawling downhill," one federation official said, "and we wanted to open Jerusalem's eyes to the situation."

Says Gideon Shimoni, an expert on South African Jewry: "The relationship between Israel and South Africa is like a pendulum." In 1987, it took a few months before the new South African ambassador to Israel was officially received. Now, Shimoni explains, the pendulum has swung the other way, as South Africa is making progress while Israel is seen increasingly as the pariah state.

The coolness emanating from Pretoria, speculates Shimoni, could well be the result of South Africa's desire to make inroads into the Arab world. Delegations from Lebanon and Morocco have visited South Africa in the last few months.

Israel, clearly, is reviewing its relationship with South Africa as well. One sign that relations are in flux was a meeting between Netanyahu and a senior South African diplomat late last year that marked the highest-level official meeting between representatives of the two countries since 1987. One topic known to have been discussed by the two was the question of sanctions, a top priority for the South Africans.

"For Israel, sanctions are hardly the major question on the diplomatic agenda right now," says Shimshon Zelniker, an expert on Israel-South Africa relations. Israel, he maintains, will wait for Europe and the United States to take the lead before it changes its own policy.

In the long term, says Shimoni, "the crucial variable in Israel-South Africa relations will be the Palestinian question." If the African National Congress enters the government and the situation in the territories does not change, he asserts, there will be a definite cooling in relations.

(The Jerusalem Report)

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Israel /Gulf War

Gas masks an integral part of presentation

Lecturer continues synagogue tour despite Gulf War

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
As war broke out in the Middle East last month, Noam Zion was in a quandary.

The 41-year-old fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem was scheduled to fly to Toronto Jan. 22 to begin a long-planned four-city lecture series.

But how could the immigrant from Minneapolis leave his wife and five children, ages 12 to six months, alone in the face of Iraqi missiles?

Taking his cue from Prime Minister Shamir, who urged Israelis to carry on with their routines insofar as circumstances permit, Zion elected to hit the synagogue circuit.

Carrying his gas mask to Ben Gurion airport, he decided to incorporate it into his lectures here to impress upon North American Jews the reality of the conflict.

"There's the illusion of strategic immunity in Jerusalem. We're protected by the shadow of the Dome of the Rock," he told The CJN in a recent interview.

But if Saddam Hussein could wreak an environmental catastrophe in the Gulf, he is also capable of deliberately targeting the Islamic shrine to rally Muslims, Zion reflected.

"It's very uncomfortable to be here rather than in Israel right now."

A specialist in curriculum in the institute's experimental high school, Zion declined to speculate on the long-term psychological impact on children of the chemical warfare scare.

In this initial phase, he reported, children have been bearing up well to the stress, thanks to the weeks of drills in schools, kindergartens and nurseries which familiarized them with procedures.

Even Kipi Kipod, the loveable porcupine who stars in *Rehov Sumsum* (Israel TV's version of *Sesame Street*), took to wearing a gas mask on shows leading up to Jan. 15 so young viewers would be accustomed to seeing the menacing-looking devices.

Adults, more than rule-oriented children, have been unnerved by the spectre of nerve gas, Zion noted.

Drawing an analogy between the dread of dying from cancer or from heart disease, he said the probability of being in a fatal car accident is higher than that of dying in a poison gas attack.

Noam Zion puts on a gas mask.

But the idea itself, with its echoes of the Holocaust, has struck a raw nerve in the national psyche.

The Scud, he suggested, is more a weapon of terror and psychological warfare than of conventional military value.

Israelis, Zion reported, have coped with the missile attacks with bravado, solidarity and gallows humor.

(The difference between Saddam and Haman, according to a current joke, is that with Haman the Jews didn't put on masks till afterwards.)

The calm and measured broadcasting of emergency procedures on the radio each time the alarm sirens wail — in Hebrew, English, Russian and sometimes Farsi, Romanian, Amharic and Yiddish — has helped sooth jittery civilians, he suggested.

Under revised instructions, parents are now told not to force anxiety-stricken children to wear their masks. Some people have panicked and vomited into their gear.

"I compare it to the way halacha functions in regard to death. It gives a structure to an anarchic situation."

Zion was critical of the Lubavitcher Rebbe for his prewar advice not to prepare for a possible attack since no one would be harmed. He cited an epistle Maimonides sent to the rabbis of Marseilles eight centuries ago in which the Spanish sage wrote that the Jews were defeated by Rome — and the Temple destroyed — in part because they were studying astrology to divine when the war would end rather than studying martial arts.

"I see them (non-Zionist religious Jews) as terrible parasites who don't serve in the army," the Lebanon War veteran emphasized.

Israelis, he said, have been buoyed by the presence of volunteers from abroad — and embittered by foreigners fleeing the country.

Conductor Zubin Mehta, a Zoroastrian born in India, became a hero after cancelling a performance in New York to fly to Tel Aviv, he reported.

"When you see Zubin Mehta and you see North American Jews, you know who your fair-weather friends are."

Asked if there is anything Jews here can do, Zion responded to book their reservations.

Families leaving Tel Aviv

TORONTO —
Since the first Scuds thudded into Tel Aviv Jan. 18, beleagured residents of Israel's coastal metropolis have taken to comparing Iraq's missile terror attacks to the Luftwaffe's Blitz against London 50 years ago. They admiringly quote the British slogan of that time: We can take it.

A corollary aspect of those days, now being repeated, was the evacuation of 750,000 gas mask-toting children and mothers from London at the start of the war.

Tel Aviv's fleeing families have filled empty hotels in Jerusalem and Eilat, and overloaded the electricity system in the capital, Ashkelon, Ashdod and Beersheba producing occasional blackouts.

So far the exodus has been a private matter unsanctioned by the government. Indeed Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat has berated those leaving the city for being "traitors," although he hastily explained that he was not referring to mothers, children or the elderly.

But late every afternoon the expressway from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem turns into a 65-km bumper-to-bumper caravan.

Like those in wartime London who sought refuge in distant outposts of the British Empire including Canada, some Israelis are now joining kin in the Diaspora, who offer a more concrete shelter than the flimsy protection of the shadow of the Dome of the Rock.

Hundreds of children and mothers have been flying to Canada while their fathers and husbands remain behind waiting a *miluim* call-up notice, according to passengers on recent flights of El Al — the only carrier still flying out of Ben Gurion airport.

Yona Nechustan, El Al's general manager for Canada, reported the airline has been continuing its two regularly scheduled weekly flights to Mirabel and Pearson International airports.

He characterized passengers on recent flights as evenly split between Canadians and Israelis.

CANADA'S ROLE SUPPORTED

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark (centre) was presented last week with a 5,000-name petition supporting Canada's role in the Persian Gulf War. Toronto Jewish Congress president Charles Diamond (right) gave Clark the petition which was signed at the recent rally for Israel at Beth Tzedec Congregation. TJC executive director Steve Ain looks on. [Alron photo]

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UN agency distributes emergency food to Palestinians

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — UNRWA has started emergency food distribution in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and is seeking funds so that it can help feed almost all the 1.7 million Palestinians in the territories who are facing severe economic problems under curfew.

UNRWA said in a press statement issued Jan. 31 that "Funding is being sought to purchase sufficient quantities of foodstuffs for a one-time issue containing a minimum of 1,000 calories a day for each needy person over a three-month period, to be distributed to some 295,000 families."

The mass distribution, potentially the largest since 1967, was needed, UNRWA said, "to alleviate shortages and hardships being experienced by refugees and non-refugees alike."

In Nablus, where the curfew was lifted Saturday for four hours, residents reported shortages of some vegetables. In Ramallah, where the curfew was also lifted briefly, a shortage of dairy products was reported. Farmers have reported ruined crops because they were unable to work their lands during the recent heavy rains.

Israeli Arab leaders launched a drive Feb. 2 to raise money for curfewed residents of the territories.

The national committee of Arab Council Heads appealed to Arabs throughout the country to give basic food to ease "serious shortages" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mohammed Zeidan, the committee spokesman and head of Kafr Manda local council in the Galilee, said the curfew left many residents with neither the time nor the means to buy essentials.

"We have been told there are serious shortages of basic commodities, including milk for babies," said Zeidan.

The national committee has also appealed to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens to lift the curfew.

Giorgio Giacomelli, UNRWA's commissioner-general, said in a statement issued in Vienna last week that the curfew should be lifted and "Workers should be permitted to go back to their jobs and farmers to their fields."

The curfew has been lifted from time to time in most areas for up to six hours at a time. In some cases only women are allowed out of their homes, in other cases everyone except males to the age of 25.

B'tselem, the Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, has sent a letter to Defence Minister Moshe Arens calling for the faster distribution of gas masks to residents of the West Bank.

It publicized the letter after the second missile to hit the West Bank landed Thursday night.

About 35,000 of the 173,000 gas masks which the IDF says it has available were distributed in the West Bank up to Thursday. The IDF told The Jerusalem Post at the beginning of the week that it had distributed 28,000 and would speed up distribution. However, only 7,000 were distributed in the first five days of last week, fewer than in the week before.

On Saturday, Amnesty International, the London-based organization which champions political prisoners, called the Israeli government to release Palestinian spokesman Sari Nusseibeh or allow him to see the evidence aginst him so that he can defend himself.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (right) greets German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher prior to a meeting Jan. 25. Genscher was on a 24-hour solidarity visit to Israel. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Germany sending defence package to help Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The flow of high-technology defence equipment from Germany began last week, buoying the spirits of Israelis as they endured another Scud missile attack from Iraq.

More than 300 tons of equipment was to be airlifted to Israel, a German spokesman said. The material includes a sophisticated system that instantly detects and warns against a nuclear, biological or chemical attack.

In addition, Israel will be getting Patriot anti-missile batteries from Germany to supplement the U.S. Patriots deployed here earlier and Hawk surface-to-air missiles.

Will help finance submarines

The shipment is the first part of a defence package from Germany which local media reports say will approach $700 million. It is said to include German help in financing two new submarines for Israel's navy, which the Defence Ministry ordered from a Kiel shipyard some years ago but was forced to cancel last year for budgetary reasons.

The defence package will be remitted to Israel as a grant, not a loan, which itself is a precedent. The gift comes on top of $165 million in humanitarian aid German Chancellor Helmut Kohl earlier pledged to the Jewish state, which has sustained casualties and extensive damage from the missile attacks despite its non-combatant status in the Persian Gulf War.

There has been no formal defence supply pipeline from Germany to Israel until now, though an informal military supply relationship is said to have existed periodically over the years.

The situation changed following the visit to Jerusalem by German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, which followed sharp criticism from Israel, Britain, the United States and other countries over revelations that German companies contributed significantly to Iraq's ability to produce unconventional weapons, in violation of Germany's export regulations.

The Bonn government, in an official statement, cited Germany's special responsibility toward Israel's defence. The opposition Social Democratic Party pledged its full support.

Germany's immediate contribution to Israel's defence is reported to include an unspecified number of Fuchs (Fox) armored vehicles with the Nuclear Biological Chemical weapons detection system, known as NBC.

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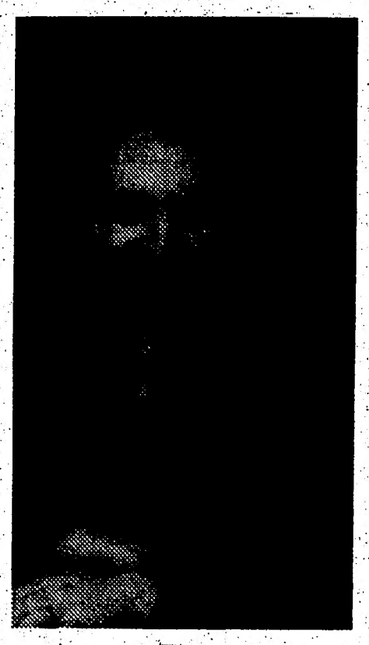

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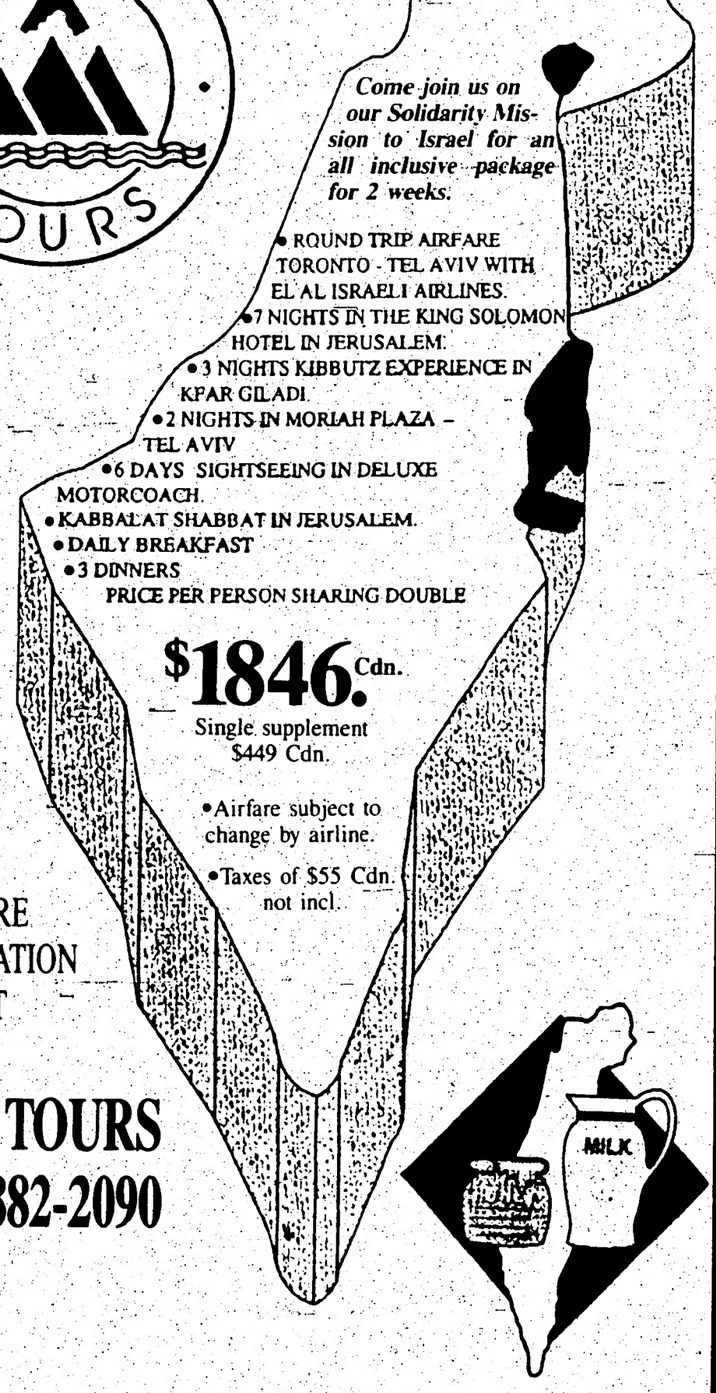

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Vatican calls for solution to Palestinians' problems

ROME (JTA) —

The Vatican, expressing "profound respect" for Israel, has issued a lengthy statement on its relations with the Jewish state, in which it says that the absence of diplomatic ties does not mean the Holy See refuses to recognize Israel's existence.

But Israel must address the problems of the Palestinians and the "occupied territories," including Jerusalem, as well as the situation of the Catholic minority in Israel, before full diplomatic ties can be established, according to the statement, which was released Jan. 25.

The statement was clearly issued in response to numerous recent appeals for the Vatican to recognize the Jewish state, many of which have been made since the outbreak of war in the Middle East and the onset of Iraqi missile attacks on Israel.

More than 1,000 Jews and non-Jews demonstrated for Vatican relations with Israel on Sunday, during the Pope's weekly blessing in St. Peter's Square.

The group included nuns and other Catholic supporters of Israel, who waved Israeli flags, held aloft posters saying "Israel Will Not Die," and chanted "Shalom."

The demonstration was held amid some of the tightest security ever seen in St. Peter's Square for the papal blessing.

The pontiff, clearly recognizing the import of the demonstration, addressed the issue, saying, "There is one banner which signifies peace. Shalom means peace. I wish this peace on your people and on the State of Israel."

But establishing diplomatic ties with Israel depends on clearing up the "difficulties" between the two states, the four-page statement says, problems which are "juridical, not theological."

"It must be clear that the Holy See has never put into discussion the existence of the State of Israel," wrote Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro Valls.

"On the part of the Holy See, there is an attitude of profound respect for the State of Israel," and the conviction that "its existence and security must be protected, particularly through the search for points of agreement with other states in the region," the statement says.

The spokesman enumerated a list of reciprocal visits between Vatican and Israeli delegations, including regular contacts made though Israel's Embassy in Rome and the apostolic delegation in Jerusalem. He referred to a list of public references the pope had made to Israel and "to its need for security."

Diplomatic relations between the two states depend on "circumstances and evaluations," the statement reads.

Noting that under international law "no state is obliged to establish diplomatic or consular relations with another state," the statement says the Vatican has waited or is still waiting to establish formal relations with a number of countries, for various reasons.

The difficulties between the Vatican and Israel, according to the statement, are "the Israeli presence in the occupied territories and relations with the Palestinians"; "the annexation of the holy city of Jerusalem;" and "the situation of the Catholic Church in Israel and the territories it administrates."

Held in Vienna, Berlin, Stuttgart

Solidarity rallies back Israel

VIENNA (JTA) —

Thousands of people have attended rallies demonstrating solidarity with Israel in Vienna, Berlin and Stuttgart in recent days.

On Jan. 25, about 1,000 people came to Vienna's inner city to show their support for the Jewish state, while far more massive pro-Israel gatherings filled the streets of Berlin and Stuttgart the following day.

The Vienna demonstration, organized by the Jewish community and the Jewish Students of Austria, was held around the statue of a Jew forced to scrub the streets of Vienna, a bronze depiction of a scene that was commonplace here after the Anschluss of March 1938.

It was an angry crowd that gathered carrying placards reading "Peace at any price?" "Waiting for Death by Gas" and "Solidarity with Israel."

The demonstrators were protected by several hundred policemen in uniform and plain clothes. There were no incidents.

Speakers stressed that 50 years after the Holocaust, Jewish lives are again threatened by poison gas manufactured, ironically, in Germany.

The reference was to the materiel, equipment and technology private German firms sold illegally to Saddam Hussein of Iraq, enabling him to manufacture the chemical weapons that he has threatened to use against Israel.

Some speakers claimed that Austrian firms have done the same but did not name any.

But the wrath of the crowd was reserved for the "peace movement," which was blasted by Paul Grosz, president of the Austrian Jewish community, Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal and other speakers.

Grosz said, "Israel has the right to survive" and must not accept the role of "victim" assigned it by the international community.

He denounced the peace movement, which "has been quiet for years, be it in Western Europe or the United States. They never talked about the threat to Israel," he said.

Wiesenthal condemned peace demonstrations aimed against "what they call 'the U.S. military machine.'

"I do not doubt that the peace movement has a just and honorable cause, but I have not heard of them demonstrating in front of the Iraqi embassy," he said.

Wiesenthal was scornful of the "students and high school kids" who demonstrate in front of the U.S. Embassy, forgetting that "the United States has freed Europe from the Nazis and has protected Western Europe from Stalin and his successors for 40 years."

A Jewish student spokesman deplored the fact that Jews themselves had to organize the rally. "No one else took a stand," he said.

Some 6,000 people demonstrated in the streets of Berlin in support of Israel and of President Bush's Persian Gulf policy.

Police in Stuttgart estimated 3,000 at a pro-Israel rally.

Both demonstrations were organized by the Jewish communities, the German-Israel Friendship Association and other pro-Israel groups.

They were a change from recent weeks, when the streets were dominated by pro-peace demonstrators who assailed the United States and expressed no support for Israel.

The peace groups had their day in Amsterdam. A mass demonstration organized by the extreme left wing drew a crowd estimated at 10,000, a far cry from the 100,000 confidently predicted by the organizers.

The demonstrators were in large measure Turks and Moroccans who carried banners denouncing Western imperialism against the Moslem world.

The Amsterdam rally was shunned by the mainstream Dutch peace movement, the Roman Catholic group Pax Christi and the Protestant IKV (Interkerkelijk Vredsberaad, or Interchurch Peace Council.)

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In Brief

Abu Nidal may be in Brussels hospital

From CJN wire services

PEACE BUT NOT APPEASEMENT

Prominent Israeli writers including Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua and Yehuda Amichai last week criticized anti-war demonstraters in the West, saying "the elimination of the genocidal Iraqi regime is an essential condition for achieving peace in the Middle East, including the Israeli-Arab conflict."

Their statement, issued at a press conference in Tel Aviv of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, called on world peace organizations to condemn Iraq's unprovoked aggression against Kuwait and Israel.

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CANADA HELPS

Canada is sending 10,000 gas masks to Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to help make up for the shortages announced by the Israeli government.

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WAR OVER-EATING

Many Israelis are gorging themselves during the present emergency, and some have gained as much as four kilos in the three weeks since war erupted.

According to dieticians and psychologists, increased anxiety and stress, as well as long hours confined to home, have led many Israelis to adopt drastic changes in their eating habits. Some people are consuming large amounts of sweets to "compensate" themselves for their lack of control over the situation.

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DEFENCE ORDERS

Israel's civil defence organization, Haga, has issued new emergency recommendations for the Tel Aviv and Haifa regions.

Residents of the two "alert areas" hit hardest by Scud missiles have been instructed to sit on the floors of their sealed rooms during an alert, away from all walls and as far as possible from exterior walls to reduce the possibility of injury during an attack with conventional warheads.

Earlier instructions ordered residents not to use underground bomb shelters because of the threat of attack by heavier than air chemical agents.

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HAIFA GETS GERMAN AIR RAID SIRENS

Duesseldorf has donated three air raid sirens to Haifa, its sister city. The alarms, a powerful new type, arrived last Tuesday, after the municipality informed authorities in the German city that numerous residents had complained they couldn't hear exisiting sirens during alerts.

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SCUD DAMAGE

Some 3,300 apartments and buildings in the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas have been damaged in the 31 Scud missile attacks as of Monday. Four people have died and about 192 have been wounded.

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Is the notorious Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal a patient at Brussels' Erasmus Hospital? And if so, is his presence there related to the still unsolved murder of Dr. Joseph Wybran, former head of the Belgian Jewish community?

Both are possible, according to Lazard Perez, who succeeded Wybran as president of the Co-ordinating Committee of Belgian Jewish Organizations, the umbrella body of Belgian Jewry.

"At the present stage, we have no precise information, but the presence of Abu Nidal in the Erasmus Hospital is one assumption among others," Perez told the European Jewish Press Agency.

He was commenting on a report in the weekly Le Vif-L'Express claiming that "European intelligence services" received reports that Abu Nidal, head of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, has been hospitalized several times at Erasmus Hospital, under a false name, for a heart ailment.

According to the weekly, intelligence specialists are convinced that the information is accurate. An Erasmus Hospital official was quoted as saying he could not rule it out.

The publication quoted the same intelligence sources as saying that Wybran may have been murdered because he recognized Abu Nidal at the hospital.

The Jewish community leader, who headed the hospital's immunology and hematology department, was found shot to death in the hospital's parking lot on Oct. 3, 1989. The case remains unsolved.

Asked to comment on the likelihood of such a link, Perez remarked that "everything is possible."

"Everyone knows that Abu Nidal doesn't move around without bodyguards, that he has no scruples and that he doesn't hesitate to solve problems by killing," he observed.

He said Belgian Jewish officials "are in constant contact with the interior minister" on the subject.

The rumored confinement of Abu Nidal in a Brussels hospital followed the embarrassing revelation recently that his cohort, Walid Khaled, was visiting the Belgian capital on a tourist visa issued by the Foreign Ministry.

The disclosure that on the eve of the Persian Gulf War, a known terrorist had freedom of the city where the European Community is headquartered caused two government ministers to resign and put the political future of Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens in jeopardy.

Khaled, spokesman for the Fatah Revolutionary Council, is believed to have just concluded a prisoner-for-hostages swap with the Belgian authorities.

Whatever negotiations did take place resulted in freeing Said Nasser, believed to be tied to the Abu Nidal group, after serving little more than 10 years of a 30-year prison sentence for killing a Jewish child and wounding several others in a grenade attack on a Jewish camp bus in Antwerp in June 1980.

A Belgian family of four, held captive since November 1987, was freed in the exchange.

Gulf Digest

A summary of last week's events in Israel:

Jan. 27: Israel is disappointed that Iraq's remaining Scud missile launchers are operational and says it is willing to help the United States knock them out.

Jan. 28: Palestinians in southern Lebanon launch Katyusha rockets on Israel's security zone. Israeli and South Lebanon Army artillery respond with shelling of Palestinian positions near the Lebanese port of Tyre.

Jan. 29: Israeli gunboats shell a refugee camp in Lebanon in apparent retaliation for the Palestinian rocket attacks.

Jan. 30: Palestinian leader Sari Nusseibeh is jailed by the Israeli military, and denies spying on Israel for Iraq.

Citing "sloppy staff work," the State Department backs down from a U.S.-Soviet statement committing the countries to work together toward resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Jan. 31: An Iraqi Hussein missile lands in the West Bank but no casualties or damage are reported. Israeli Deputy Prime Minister David Levy says there must be direct talks between Israel and the Arabs after the war.

The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army kills three Palestinian infiltrators inside the security zone. The incident follows the third successive night of Katyusha rocket bombardment of the zone by Palestinians in southern Lebanon, two-and-a-half miles from the northern Israeli settlement of Zarit.

Hundreds of Palestinians are stranded in Jordan because Israel refuses to let them return to the West Bank after visiting relatives or receiving medical treatment.

Feb. 1: Iran says it will fight alongside Iraq if Israel joins the war.

The United Nations announces emergency food distribution to most of the 1.7 million Palestinians who are under Israeli curfew since the war began. They also begin handing out more than 10,000 gas masks donated by Canada.

Feb. 2-3: Two Iraqi Scud missiles are fired at Israel five hours apart, and land in open areas. No casualties or damage are reported. Authorities do not say where the missile landed or whether U.S. Patriot missiles were deployed. It is the ninth and 10th scud attack on Israel since war broke out.

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A Lawyer Replies...

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(This week's column has been written by Judith V. Friedman, MSW, CSW. Friedman, a social worker and associate of Syrtash, specializes in the area of individual, couple and family therapy and divorce mediation.)

Every year, a significant number of couples face the crisis of separation or divorce. Assuming that all possible avenues of reconciliation have been exhausted, these couples must now sort out and deal effectively with a complex and often intertwined web of personal feelings, interpersonal conflicts and practical considerations, in order to move on.

Clearly, the dissolution of a marriage has legal, economic and emotional ramifications for spouses, children, even "significant others," such as grandparents. The pressure is on to make "wise decisions" that not only address immediate needs and reduce conspicuous tensions, but will ultimately fit into a workable and constructive restructuring on all levels, with a view to long-term viability.

Ironically, what often brings a couple to the point of separation is the unwillingness or inability to recognize, accommodate, or effectively negotiate mutually acceptable terms. Picture such a couple. Individually, they are likely experiencing hurt, anger, confusion — any number of painful emotions. Add some common stress-related physical symptoms such as headaches, disturbed sleep, or digestive problems.

Complicate further with (frequently conflicting) advice and opinions offered freely by well-meaning family, friends, even co-workers. Now, consider the probabilities of this couple co-operatively negotiating a blueprint for their (and their children's) long-term future, in their present state of mind.

Given this common scenario, it is little wonder that divorce ranks so high on the life-stress scales. Smaller wonder still, that this most crucial of negotiations often degenerates into hostile litigation. For those exhausted in mind, body and spirit, reason is often trampled in the melee.

The result: matters of utmost personal consequence to all concerned are "impersonally" determined by outside parties, in a courtroom setting, at great financial and emotional cost, too often with little genuine or lasting satisfaction for anyone.

Divorce mediation developed in response to increasingly clear evidence within the courts that the adversarial system and milieu were ill-equipped to deal effectively with the plethora of human emotion and needs brought before them.

In fact, the fight-to-win stance of litigation can be highly inflammatory for the hostile and distraught, and intimidating, even overwhelming, for the more difficult and unaggressive.

Mediation provides the opportunity for families to resolve disputed issues for themselves, in a custom-tailored fashion, using a skilled, impartial mediator to facilitate the process. Generally, divorce mediators are specially trained therapists or lawyers.

A recent innovation in the field is the lawyer-therapist mediation team, with each member bringing a distinct professional orientation and expertise to the process which, when offered jointly, provides a comprehensive approach to the multi-faceted nature of the task at hand.

The therapist helps facilitate communication, identifies emotional issues that impede negotiations, assesses and clarifies the needs of children, and guides the reorganization of the marital unit into a functional parenting unit.

In determining issues of custody, visitation, support and division of assets, the lawyer clarifies rights and obligations, using legal standards to establish parameters within which the bargaining process takes place.

Ultimately, the goal is to help the spouses reach an agreement that sensibly reflects the family's priorities, values and goals, and is emotionally acceptable to them.

Important note: the lawyer member of a mediation team DOES NOT represent either spouse individually; each spouse retains his/her own lawyer to ensure that the final agreement is a fair and sound document. This is a precaution and assurance for both parties, and necessitates minimal legal time and additional expense.

To be sure, mediation (including the team variety) is no panacea, no magical process by which wild folks are rendered tame and the formerly-vindictive inspired to fiercely compete to outdo each other in courtesy and generosity.

Nothing can turn the aftermath of a failed marriage into a desirable experience. However, weathering internal and external storms with some modicum of grace, meeting the challenges with reason and courage, one can at least hope to walk away with self-respect and energy conserved for the challenges still to come.

Holocaust-deniers show support for Fred Leuchter

By PAUL LUNGEN

Holocaust-deniers carrying placards and shouting slogans paraded outside a Malden, Mass. courthouse recently in support of Fred Leuchter, who is charged with practicing engineering without a licence.

Approximately 15 pro-Leuchter demonstrators, including members of the Ku Klux Klan, the Christian Defence League and a group calling itself the Polish Freedom Fighters, were opposed by a group of about 100 anti-Leuchter protesters, including Paris-based Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld.

Police separated the groups, who exchanged shouts of "Never Again," and "No More Lies," the Providence Journal newspaper reported.

Shelley Shapiro, director of the Holocaust Survivors & Friends in Pursuit of Justice (HS&FPJ), said the pro-Leuchter group carried posters saying "The Gullible Gentiles are taken for a Holocaust ride," "Stop Jewish Satanization of America" and "If Hitler killed so many Jews, why are there so many survivors?"

Knights of the KKK, the Idaho-based Aryan Nations, Texas Skinheads, Posse Comitatus and the Kingdom Identity Church.

At a news conference following the brief court appearance, Lyons read a statement lauding Leuchter's patriotism. He compared him to Galileo, suggesting Leuchter too is being persecuted for his beliefs, and he attacked Shapiro and Klarsfeld for being part of "an international cabal."

Shapiro and Klarsfeld were instrumental in pushing for the legal action against Leuchter. Shapiro told The CJN they had been concerned by a pseudo-scientific report completed by Leuchter during the 1988 trial of Toronto pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel and which was being trumpeted by Holocaust-deniers as lending scientific validity to their claims.

Leuchter testified at that trial that he had been hired by Zundel to conduct studies of the gas chambers at three Nazi camps.

He told court that he concluded that the gas chambers could not have been used to kill people. But trial judge Ron Thomas refused to allow Leuchter's report into evidence, saying Leuchter had no engineering degree and was unqualified to conduct an engineering report.

It was Leuchter's claim that he is an engineer that has landed him in court, Shapiro said.

Meanwhile, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation and the HS&FPJ recently published *Truth Prevails; Demolishing Holocaust Denial*, to refute *The Leuchter Report*.

"Our goal is to show Leuchter's lack of expertise, his purloining of the title 'engineer' to offer an 'engineering opinion' and to demonstrate that *The Leuchter Report* is not a credible scientific analysis of murderous gas chambers," the book states.

The 135-page work traces the genesis of Leuchter's report back to the Zundel trial, with sections of the book examining Leuchter's evidence and Judge Thomas' refusal to accept his credentials.

Copies of the book can be obtained by contacting HS&FPJ, 800 New Loudon Road, Suite 400, Latham, NY, 12110, U.S.A. or telephoning (518) 785-0035.

Judge to decide on defence motions

Inside the courthouse, District Court Judge J.W. Killiam scheduled the next hearing for Feb. 19, when she will decide on a defence motion to dismiss the allegations against Leuchter. Leuchter's court-appointed attorney, Anthony Santoro, has argued that the law upon which the charges are based is too vague and uncertain.

The judge is also expected to rule at that time on whether to allow lawyer Kirk Lyons to represent Leuchter. According to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, the Texas-based lawyer has in the past defended a variety of right-wing extremists, including members of the Texas

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Two elderly women look at the damage caused when an Iraqi Scud missile slammed into their house. Residents say it was a miracle no one was killed. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

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Charles (Chic) Presley spent three weeks in Israel recently, leaving hours before an Iraqi missile slammed into Tel Aviv. Presley, an Ajax retiree, was cleaning and preparing M-16 rifles for the Israeli Defence Force. [Ron Peitoniro photo]

Motley volunteer crew boost Israel's morale

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

They were among the most motley bunch of "inductees" ever to wear Israel Defence Force khaki.

"They" included Jews and gentiles, grandmothers and grandfathers, and people who have never visited Israel before, all united by their eagerness to help and scant knowledge of any Hebrew beyond a fervent "Shalom."

"They" are the 48 participants in a Canadian Volunteers for Israel group who flew to the beleaguered country Dec. 31. All stayed at their posts as Iraq began its Scud missile terror campaign, and some extended their stay.

For Bev Applebaum, a Toronto retiree, it was "the most exciting experience of my life. I have never been so emotionally involved with anything.

"Wherever we went, when strangers saw the blue badges on our uniforms (designating overseas volunteers), they came over to bless us."

The logistics officer at the major medical base in central Israel where she was stationed — a strapping lieutenant-colonel in the elite Golani paratroop brigade — was so moved by their presence he cried at their closing banquet, she reported.

Beyond the badly-needed morale boost they brought, the volunteers filled a manpower need which would otherwise be met by calling up reservists. Their jobs included cleaning rifles, repairing trucks and renovating buildings to be occupied by new olim.

Applebaum packed 20-kg bags of sterilized supplies for front-line medics. She and her fellow volunteers sometimes worked 18 hours a day to meet a deadline.

(After having had to sort 5,000 tetracycline pills by hand, she enquires if any CJN readers wish to donate a pill counting machine.)

Applebaum and the other volunteers posted with her took to sleeping in a sealed room with their gas masks at their side so they wouldn't have to get up when the alarm siren sounded.

"I realized when I got home that the news you see here is very scary. But we were calm."

She said her son was worried about her safety "but my 93-year-old mother was very proud."

For Gil Risman, a 46-year-old father of four, concerns over safety also seemed misplaced.

"My wife wasn't worried until friends started calling and then she figured maybe she should be scared."

The Toronto chartered accountant was put to work cleaning guns and doing other mundane base operations. A modest and unlikely hero, he said people would stop him on the streets to say thank you for coming.

For Charles 'Chic' Presley of Ajax, Ont., this was his second tour of duty since he retired 12 months ago. The 66-year-old Second World War Royal Canadian Navy vet was put in charge of four other volunteers cleaning M-16 asssault rifles.

"They're a simple gun to clean," he explained matter-of-factly. "I was doing the trigger mechanism. The other four were doing the barrel and shank."

Presley, who still serves in the Queen's Own Rifles reserves as a tuba player, reported the base commander issued him a special commendation for cleaning over 500 guns.

The son of a Pentecostal minister, he urged other Christians to sign up: "It's a great adventure — to go over there to see a nation being built and to see the birthplace of Christianity."

"You gotta go," he advised Jews. "But if people are a little frightened, I don't mind going again."

Canadian Volunteers for Israel is organizing two subsidized flights for those able to assist either in hospitals or on kibbutzim bringing in the winter crops.

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Lawyer retained in Ross case despite criticism

By
PAUL LUNGEN

FREDERICTON —

Despite criticism from a growing segment of its membership, the New Brunswick Teachers Federation has decided it will retain the lawyer who represented it at the human rights inquiry involving Malcolm Ross.

The federation had come under criticism for appearing to side with Ross, who has published books and letters alleging a worldwide Jewish conspiracy to undermine Western civilization and which question the Holocaust.

Some teachers, including Marlene Unger of Fredericton, were concerned that the NBTF's lawyer, George Filliter, had gone beyond his mandate and was embarrassing the teachers at the hearing, which commenced in December. It is scheduled to resume on April 22 for three weeks.

At one point in the proceedings, Filliter was quoted as comparing the inquiry to the Scopes "Monkey Trial," in which a teacher defended his right to teach the theory of evolution, Unger said.

She said she was also upset with the way Filliter cast Ross in the role of a victim and with the "aggressive and demeaning way" the lawyer cross-examined David Attis, the Moncton resident whose complaint initiated the inquiry.

Attis had claimed that by continuing to employ Ross, the District 15 school board was fostering a climate of intolerance and was not providing a service free of discrimination as required under the province's Human Rights Act.

Unger, who teaches math at Fredericton High School, said a radio clip she heard in which Filliter suggested one of Ross' books could be taught as "debatable history" also concerned her.

She told The CJN she circulated a petition at her school, signed by 88 people, asking the NBTF's directors to instruct Filliter to confine himself to a watching brief — a less active role in the inquiry.

Teachers in Saint John, meanwhile, circulated a motion saying they were disturbed by Filliter's conduct in bullying Attis on the stand and by his comments referring to Ross as a victim.

"I feel the actions of the federation are giving teachers a black eye," Unger said. "Instead of fighting racism, they seemed to be supporting it."

In a statement released last week, the NBTF said it would continue to be represented by Filliter. The federation said it had instructed the lawyer that in future only the federation would make statements on the Ross case. Filliter's role would be limited to looking after teachers' contractual rights under their collective agreement.

The Times-Transcript of Moncton quotes NBTF president Bob Fitzpatrick as distinguishing between defending teachers' rights and defending the views espoused by Ross:

"The federaton has not been, nor will it become, involved in any defence or support of Ross' views at the inquiry.

"The federation affirms that Holocaust-denial is a form of anti-Semitism. The NBTF reiterates that teachers in New Brunswick abhor any form of racism."

Fradkin resigns from war crimes unit

OTTAWA —

Arnold Fradkin, the deputy director of the Justice Department's war crimes unit, has resigned.

Citing health reasons, Fradkin left the unit late last year and resumed the practice of general litigation for the department.

In addition to his duties as deputy director, Fradkin was senior counsel in the case involving accused war criminal Stephen Reistetter. He also led the prosecution team in the citizenship hearing involving Jacob Luitjens, the University of British Columbia botany lecturer who was accused of collaborating with German forces in his native Holland during the Second World War. No decision has yet been given in that case, which was heard more than 18 months ago.

Gilles Renaud has assumed Fradkin's duties as both deputy director and as senior Crown counsel in the Reistetter case.

Fradkin's departure follows by about six months that of war crimes unit director Bill Hobson, who, for family reasons, went on a sabbatical.

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Organizations and People

Chemical weapons use viewed as a likelihood

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Iraq will eventually use chemical weapons in its war against the UN-led coalition, warns a leading journalist who specializes in the Mideast.

Steven Emerson, who appears frequently as an analyst on the Cable News Network, told an audience at Congregation B'nai Torah last week that U.S. military and intelligence reports point to Saddam Hussein eventually turning to chemical and/or biological weapons.

As a result, "it is dawning" on the United States that Saddam himself "must be eliminated," Emerson said.

The worst thing that can happen in the war now is Saddam surrendering and calling for an Arab solution, Emerson said. That would galvanize the Arab world and force the United States to accept a deal, leaving Iraq with its huge army mostly intact, and a potential to build nuclear weapons.

Emerson predicted the war will last for another two to three months.

And he said it is "amazing" Israel has not yet respond to Scud missile attacks from Iraq. But, he stressed, "Israel will ultimately retaliate, and soon."

Emerson lambasted the United States for cozying up to Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war. He said Britain and France provided Saddam with over $17 billion worth of arms during the 1980s, with the United States' tacit approval.

In 1982, he noted, Washington even took Iraq off a list of countries which support terrorism, despite the fact that three months earlier, a member of the Iraq-based Abu Nidal group tried to assassinate Israel's ambassador to Great Britain.

As far back as January, 1989, Israel warned the United States that Saddam may be preparing to invade Kuwait, Emerson said. But the State Department ignored the advice.

He recalled how last spring, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, April Glaspie, reportedly told Saddam that the United States had no opinion on inter-Arab border disputes, something the Iraqi leader took as a green light to conquer Kuwait.

The "most outrageous" coddling of Iraq came from what used to be West Germany, which provided Saddam with chemical weaponry know-how and extended the range of Scuds, Emerson said.

The "major loser" in the conflict has been the Palestine Liberation Organization, while Israel "has recouped tremendous goodwill" in the West for its restraint.

Emerson said if the war is wrapped up in two months and Saddam is killed, there will be no uprising among Arabs, and Israel "would be in a good position."

But, he warned, even a military loss for Saddam would translate into a huge political victory in the Arab world.

Saddam must be killed, says CNN analyst

EMERGENCY DRILL

Doctors and nurses at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem conduct a detoxification drill with members of the Israel Defence Forces. Shaare Zedek is the Jerusalem hospital chosen by the IDF to treat victims of chemical warfare in the Greater Jerusalem area. It takes four medical staff people to treat each victim of chemical and biological warfare.

Technion resumes classes shortly after attacks

HAIFA —
As Israel suffered its first casualties from Iraqi missiles, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology struggled to return to normal operation, becoming the first Israeli university to reopen its doors. It was estimated that some two-thirds of Technion's students returned to classes as the Institute opened, despite the distances from their homes in other parts of Israel, and despite the continuing threat.

While senior Technion management continued working throughout the crisis to ensure that essential campus services remained in effect, other workers began to return when allowed by civil defence authorities, with many parents working alternate days in order to leave at least one adult at home with their children.

Numerous Technion students have already been called up for reserve duty. Some are pilots, others guard the borders and other sensitive regions. Experts in military medicine, with experience gained in Lebanon, Mexico and Armenia stand ready to help rescue the injured.

Many of the methods they now use were developed at Haifa's Rambam Hospital by staff members who are also faculty and researchers at the Technion Faculty of Medicine.

Technion students, faculty and staff alike have been issued, and trained in, the use of gas masks.

Selected rooms in the dormitories and other facilities have been hermetically sealed with tape and plastic to provide safe havens against gas attacks.

All around the campus signs reading "this way to the shelter" are prominently displayed as the university, which has weathered all of Israel's wars, battens down for another one.

Faculty members, many of them religious, have shaved their beards in order to properly don the masks.

It was after midnight January 17 when the air raid sirens were heard for the first time. Mere moments later the missiles landed. While the censors suppressed news of the exact location where the Scuds hit, the booms in the Haifa area were heard clearly at the Technion, as they were throughout the city.

Despite the new threat to Israeli's lives, the old challenges and problems have not disappeared. The flood of Soviet immigrants that began last year continues. To accommodate the best and the brightest amongst them, said a spokesman, Technion will have to admit more students, expanding enrolment by 10 per cent or more.

It is difficult to remember that only a few weeks ago Israel's worst crisis was its ongoing and worsening water shortage.

The government turned to a Technion professor, Dan Zaslavsky of the department of agricultural engineering, to head a panel of experts charged with finding a solution to this problem.

According to Technion president Prof. Zehev Tadmor, "As it is obvious that the current crisis will last longer than at first anticipated, it is imperative that we return to our normal, everyday lives as soon as possible. We here on campus will do our utmost to ensure that the disruption to our students' lives will be minimal."

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Politicians' numbers posted

Hamilton federation urges Jews to respond to war

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — An urgent appeal for letters and messages to be sent to local politicians at all levels, to inform them of the community's concerns in the current Gulf War, was issued here by Federation vice-president and chairman of the community relations committee, Abe Szpirglas.

The appeal came at the end of the recent combined annual general meeting of the Hamilton-Wentworth and Area Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Centre.

"Every letter that goes out," Szpirgals told the large assembly at the JCC, "has a tremendous impact on (the politicians') thinking.

"I urge every one of you, please, to send as many messages as possible.

"Send faxes, get on the telephone, talk to your political representatives and let them know how you as Jews, you as Hamiltonians, you as Canadians, feel, and believe me," he declared, "they will respond."

Pointing to an information booth where the names and fax numbers of all local politicians, as well as those of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, President George Bush and President Yitzhak Shamir were posted, Szpirglas revealed that the community relations committee had sent messages expressing "wholehearted and continued support" to Bush and Mulroney on behalf of the community.

"Please keep that momentum going," he concluded. "It is important, it will be very helpful."

The meeting was preceded by a reception for immigrants from the Soviet Union. Responding to a special welcome by Federation president Gerald Swaye in his opening remarks, recent arrival Marina Cherner, on behalf of the newcomers, thanked the community for its support.

"We did not know how it would be here but immediately we found friends," she said as she expressed her appreciation to JIAS, Hamilton Jewish Social Services, its director, Carol Krames, and the community for their assistance.

"We are now learning our Jewish culture and traditions and now we know what it means to be Jewish and what it means to be together. To be together means to be stronger," the attractive young woman said to applause.

"There is nothing more difficult than raising funds," Swaye said. "All those who helped in the campaigns over the past year, two, three years are to be congratulated," he continued, lauding campaign chairman Sheldon Frank "for the wonderful job you have done this year."

Frank told the community it could be proud of the funds raised by a "grassroots campaign" for both Operations Exodus and UJA. He was confident, he added, "that the campaign would continue to climb."

Despite the many problems it faced, the JCC accomplished much and can be proud of its accomplishments, president Sandy Silver said in her report.

But, although "membership has grown tremendously and programs have expanded," the JCC still "faces some hard economic times and we need your support more than ever, not only by joining as a member," she stressed, "but by becoming involved."

Helping to build the centre through participation on its committees "is the only way we will grow and be successful," said Silver.

In addition to plaques and awards to various campaign workers and other volunteers, two special plaques were presented: to Temple Anshe Sholom social action committee chairman, Alice Sorger, for the committee's help in raising "crucial funds" to assist Jewish social services in its task of settling recent immigrants from the Soviet Union; and to Gary Frydman, founder and president for 30 years of the Hamilton Holocaust remembrance committee.

In addition to president Gerald Sway, Federation executive members include vice-presidents Sheldon Frank, Jackie Levin, Michael Sieger, David Steinberg and Abe Szpirglas, secretary, George Czutrin, treasurer William Halpren and chairman of the board, Philip Leon. Executive director is Claire Mandel.

At the JCC, Sandy Silver continues as president, with Larry Szpirglas and David Loewith as vice-presidents, Sharon Hart, membership; Terry Bennett, budget and finance; Janet Asa, personnel, and John Levy, fund raising.

Ethiopia's beleaguered Jews desperate to leave country

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Ethiopian Jews "simply cannot wait anymore" to get to Israel, says a woman who spent a month ministering to the needs of the beleaguered community.

Daisy Benchimol, program director for the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews (CAEJ), returned recently from a month-long CAEJ-sponsored trip to the country's capital, Addis Ababa, where as many as 23,000 Jews are crammed into squalid slums, patiently waiting for hard-to-get exit visas to Israel.

These Jews, and the roughly 2,500 still in Gondar province in the north, are the unfortunates left stranded after Israel's dramatic "Operation Moses," the secret airlift of between 7,000 and 10,000 Jews in the winter of 1984-85.

The clandestine plan was aborted when it became publicized, leaving behind thousands and dashing hopes that one of the world's oldest continuous Jewish communities would live as one in the Holy Land.

In the past few months, explains Benchimol, Jews in the countryside have streamed to Addis Ababa, fleeing famine and a protracted civil war the government is fighting with secessionist guerrillas. Not long ago, the pro-Arab rebels took control of Gondar, where many Jews still live.

Now, the roughly 23,000 Jews in Addis Ababa live as many as 10 per room and most are unemployed because they lack identity papers, Benchimol says.

The vast majority have no running water, no latrines and live in metal shacks with dirt floors. Because of the conditions, death from malnourishment and disease is rampant. Between May and September, 1990, about 250 Jews died from tuberculosis and pneumonia, complicated by malnutrition. Today, Benchimol says, the mortality rate among Jews is about 14 a month.

An Ethiopian Jew nurses her son in Addis Ababa. [Daisy Benchimol photo]

Their sole source of income is a monthly stipend from the American Joint Distribution Committee, most of which goes for rent, Benchimol says.

Because it is known among the general populace that they receive charity, Jews are often the victims of robbery.

And because they have no jobs, "they sit and wait [for exit visas]. They've been waiting for 2,700 years, and they just can't afford to wait anymore."

Benchimol bought clothes for some members of the community and took religious articles with her. Hundreds of Jews, known as Beta Israel (house of Israel) gather every Shabbat for services at a thatch-roofed synagogue on the Israeli embassy compound.

Israel and Ethiopia resumed diplomatic relations in November, 1989, after a 16-year hiatus.

Now, Israel is hopeful Ethiopia's Marxist government will open its doors for Jews to leave.

Mortality rate is 14 a month

Benchimol says that in November, 1990, 438 Jews came to Israel from Ethiopia, and 548 came in December to join the roughly 22,000 of their brethren already in Israel.

But the government of Col. Haile Mariam Mengistu is fickle about Jewish emigration. From July to November of last year, emigration of Jews was curtailed completely, and no reason was given. Emigration is permitted for family reunification reasons only, but almost all Ethiopian Jews have family members in Israel.

And because Ethiopia now desires Western aid and knowledge, a window of opportunity exists for Diaspora Jewry to press their governments on the Jewish question, Benchimol says.

In the meantime, the Jews of Addis Ababa remain optimistic but wary.

"There is talk that emigration will be increased," says Benchimol. "But they've heard that before."

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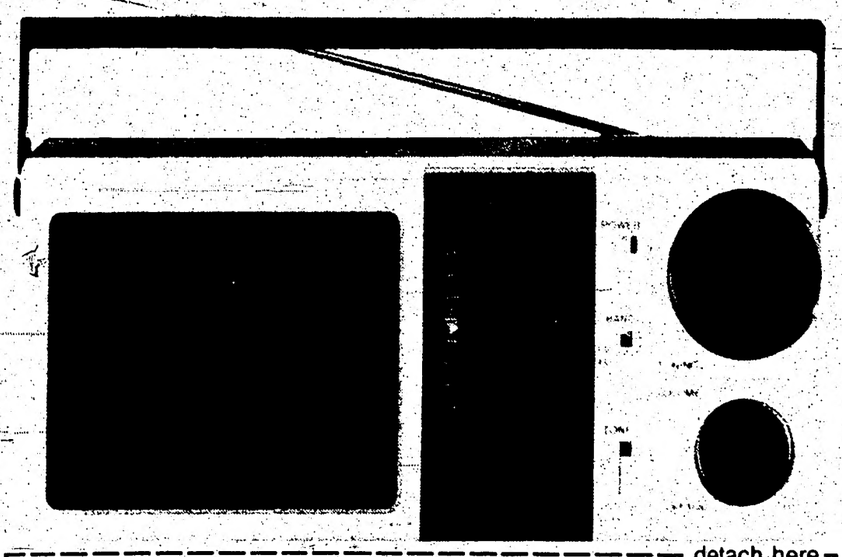

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE NOTES

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Feb. 7 is deadline for the Feb. 21 issue, and Thursday, Feb. 14 is deadline for the Feb. 28 issue).

Sunday, Feb. 10

HEBREW LITERARY CIRCLE

Aharon Appelfeld's new book *Katarina*, is to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Hebrew Literary Circle, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Lipa Green Building, Fourth Floor, 4600 Bathurst St.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Beth Tzedec Men's Club presents **Steven Kelman,** author, lecturer and employed in the retirement field, who will explain Coping with Retirement Investment in Today's Environment.

This takes place Sunday, Feb. 10 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. in the Paul and Ted Orenstein Mezzanine Hall. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. Nominal charge. Speaker is at 10. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY BLOSSOM BROTHERHOOD

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 1950 Bathurst St., welcomes everyone on Sunday, Feb. 10, to hear **Dr. David Goldbloom,** director of fellowship training for the department of psychiatry at the Toronto Hospital, who will discuss Psychiatry - Challenging the Stereotypes. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast, 9.30.

SOUNDS HOT!

Sounds Hot is a spicy program which includes free tropical music performances, sponsored by Olympia and York in the South Atrium of the Terminal Building, 207 Queen's Quay W., Sunday afternoons, between 2 and 4 p.m. On Feb. 10, The Roberto Acosta Mariachi Band, a traditionally costumed Mexican quartet, celebrates the sounds of Mariachi music.

FOR MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Mothers and daughters are invited to a Shaar Shalom Sisterhood Brunch at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, Don Mills Rd., one block north of Steeles Ave. E., 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 10. **Elinor Miller,** of Jewish Family and Child Services will, naturally, talk about Mothers and Daughters.

Cost is $6 per person. Call 889-4975 for reservations.

JODIE DRAKE AT HARBOURFRONT

Jazz and blues vocalist, radio and television personality and actress **Jodie Drake,** (yes, it's all the same person), will appear in the Water's Edge Cafe at Harbourfront, between 2 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 in a free concert sponsored by Coca Cola.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The Secular Jewish Association welcomes **Karen Mock,** director of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, who will speak on the development of an ethnic identity and racial awareness in young people today. The program starts at 9.45 a.m. with coffee and bagels; location is the staff room at St. Andrew's Junior High school on Fenn Ave. There will be a nominal charge for non-members, and both adults and teens are welcome.

For information, call **Sandi Horowitz** at 229-9313.

CURLING AND CARDS

Help kick off the Second Mile Club's 1991 Curling and Cards fund-raising event and have a great time. All are welcome, novices and seasoned players of any age.

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Bridge and euchre, also scheduled, is from 2-4 p.m. There will be prizes, a cash bar and snack bar. Complete your own table, or it can be filled in for you. Tickets, $2.50 per person, GST included, are available at the door.

Second Mile is a United Way agency committed to enhancing the lifestyle of Toronto's senior citizens through social and educational programs for able-bodied seniors and special services for the frail and housebound. Though funded by government and the United Way, Second Mile is required to raise 35 per cent of its funds.

FREE SCIENCE LECTURE

On Feb. 10 at 3 o'clock, Creating the Human Geography of Ontario will be explained at a free Sunday afternoon science lecture in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Bldg. University of Toronto (Queen's Park at College St).

Monday, Feb. 11

HIDDEN CHILD MEETING

The Gathering of children hidden during the Holocaust takes place in New York City on May 26 and 27. The purpose is to bring together those survivors who were children during the war, hiding with or without their parents, in woods, attics, convents, orphanages, or housed with non-Jewish families.

There will be workshops, panels, films, discussion and other special events. Child survivors from around the world are expected to attend. Families are also invited.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress will hold an information meeting at 7.30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. For more details, call 635-2883 ext. 144 or 153.

JOINT ADULT STUDY SERIES

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations are presenting a joint adult education series on the history of Zionism. From Balfour to the Intifada - The Dream and the Reality, with **Prof. Arnold Ages,** begins on Monday, Feb. 11. The opening lecture is slated for 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Nutrition and Weaning, scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at 157 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill, is the last in a series of four monthly meetings organized by La Leche League of North Bathurst. Starting Solids, Discipline, Weaning and other issues, will be discussed.

Meetings are open to pregnant and nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

To inquire further, phone **Ruth,** 736-1758, **Joyce,** 881-8779 or **Karen,** 221-7002.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday **MAGIC** (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

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BETH TIKVAH ADULT EDUCATION

The Jew - What Price Freedom? Beth Tikvah's adult education series exploring the effects of emancipation on the Jews of the 19th and 20th centuries, focuses on The Jewish Thinker, Moses Mendelssohn — Traditionalist or Innovator, with **Moshe Sherman,** at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11

The series continues Mondays through March 4 at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

INVESTING IN ISRAEL

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend a lecture on investing in Israel, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. This lecture is geared to both the novice and seasoned investor. Topics will include tax issues, business opportunities and general considerations for investing with Israel's companies.

Guests speakers will be accountants **Glenn Bowman** of B.P.S. Bowman Incorporated and **Lawrence Teltscher,** tax partner, Deloitte and Touche.

For further information, call 961-7302.

HBT LECTURE AND DISCUSSION

The Tuesday morning lecture and discussion group, meets at 9.45 a.m. in the board room of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available from 9.30-11.30 a.m. On February 12, **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** will give his views on Intermarriage.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Job Search and Career Planning Strategies for Psychiatrically Disabled Persons, will be examined at a meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, 7.30 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 12. in First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W.

All are welcome.

For information about support groups, call the office, 486-8046.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Generation to Generation Discussion Group, under the auspices of Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress, presents Talking to your Children about the Holocaust, with education chairman **Frank Bialystok,** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. fourth floor.

For additional information, call 635-2888, ext. 153.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

LUNCH AND LEARN

Lunch and Learn in Retirement meets every other Wednesday at Holy Blossom Temple at noon and is open to the community. There is no charge. Bring your own lunch, and coffee and cookies will be served. The next lecture, on Feb. 13, features **Cheryl Shulman,** a genetic counsellor at the Hospital for Sick Children and Toronto General Hospital, who will speak on genetics, and the importance of maintaining good family history. Grandparents can be an important part of the chain.

For further information and to inquire about transportation, if needed, call **Tera** at 789-3291.

ORT MEETING

Karmiel Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT will be holding its general meeting in Richmond Hill on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 8:00 p.m. For further information, please call the ORT office at 787-0297 or chapter president **Arleen Engelberg** at 443-8919.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework of Toronto invites you to its meeting on The Haggadah, 8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 13 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For information, call **Evelyn Jacobs,** 731-6160.

LIFE IN ISRAEL

Rabbi Schneur Zalman Gafni, Rosh Yeshiva of the English-speaking program of the Lubavitch Yeshiva in Kfar Chabad near Tel Aviv, was in Ottawa recently, talking about life in Israel. Seen with him is Dr. Yosef Caytak, an active member of the Lubavitch community in the capital.

KABBALAH II

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's adult education series with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin,** continues on Wednesday, Feb. 13 with Dreams: Are they figments of our imagination or pertinent messages?

The lecture starts 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd, Thornhill. To inquire further, call 886-0420.

FREE INCOME TAX SEMINAR

A free income tax seminar with certified management accountant **Raphael Yu,** is offered 7-8.30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St.

For more information, call 393-7683

Thursday, Feb. 14

FOREST HILL LIBRARY

A special program is offered at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, when gemologist, **Anna Malarek** provides information on Diamonds - Everything You Need to Know.

ROOTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

The National Council of Jewish Women's four-part series on The Roots and Realities of Anti-Semitism, concludes at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, when **Karen Mock** discusses Anti-Semitism: The Canadian Reality.

Cost is $10 for the lecture, $7.50 seniors.

To reserve, call 633-5100.

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ISRAEL TODAY, HEBREW RADIO

Israel Today Radio Show, which is heard in Hebrew on CHRY-FM (105.5), features current news, sports, music and interviews from Israel. The program is broadcast on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 p.m. and every Sunday morning at 10.30. Executive producer and host is **Shimon Zer-Aviv.**

For more information, call Israel Today Radio Show, 731-7773.

JOINT WINTER STUDY

Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave. and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., announce their joint 5751 Winter Study Program, Feb. 11-March 18. The theme is Zionism: From Balfour to the Intifada: The Dream and the Reality, with lecturer, **Arnold Ages.**

All sessions are 8-9 p.m. Mondays. On Feb. 11, 18 and 25, they will be held at Adath Israel and on March 4, 11 and 18, at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

VOLUNTEER FOR BAYCREST

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ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRANTS

Despite hostilities, aliya and klita (absorption) in Israel are continuing. Mirial Small, of Toronto, is seen with a group of recently arrived Ethiopian children at the Hafim Absorption Centre near Acre. The Centre is a project of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada.

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CELEBRITY GAMBLE & AUCTION

Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., presents The Great Celebrity Gamble and Auction, Saturday Feb. 16. Doors open at 6.30 p.m.

Admission, $10, includes $5 in chips and a draw for the door prize - two American Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental United States. There will be games of chance and a fabulous gift auction. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. There is ample free parking.

Proceeds are to be directed to a youth theatre production and other youth projects.

For additional information, call 630-6752.

HOST A RUSSIAN FAMILY AT SEDER

The Community Integration Program of Toronto Jewish Congress, is looking for Canadian families who would like to share their Passover seder with a Russian family.

For more information, please call **Karen,** 635-2883, ext. 800.

BETH TZEDEC LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood will honor members at the Annual Membership Day Luncheon, Wednesday Feb. 20 at noon in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Guest speaker, Globe and Mail writer, **Dorothy Lipovenko,** will describe TV Mom, Then and Now.

There is no charge for Sisterhood members, $10 guests. Please reserve by Feb. 15. Call 781-3511.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

Rethinking Israel's Security Needs is the topic for discussion at the Beth Tzedec Study Luncheon planned for noon Saturday, Feb. 16, following services. Guest speaker is **Shimon Arbel,** executive vice-president of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Reservation date is Tuesday, preceding the luncheon. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Feb. 12. Unpaid reservatons cannot be accommodated. Phone the synagogue office, 781-3511.

JOIN A CHOIR

The North York Choralairs are a group of dedicated men and women who perform for Seniors and Nursing Homes, including Greenview Lodge, Donway Place, Baycrest and The Wagman Centre.

Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to contact **Faye,** 633-7233 or **Anna,** 226-0495.

OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION

More than 400 artists and 80,000 visitors are expected at the 30th annual Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition slated for July 12-14 at City Hall's Nathan Phillips Square.

To ensure a well-balanced exhibition with traditional and experimental works, applications from both professional and amateur artists are screened by a jury of art professionals.

Visitors will be eligible to win trips and prizes connected with the 30th anniversary celebration.

For further information, contact **Tracey Capes,** Co-ordinator, Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, c/o Protocol Office, Department of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, East Tower, City Hall, Toronto, Ont., M5H 2N2; telephone (416) 967-6149 (answering machine).

SHALOM VILLAGE, HAMILTON

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St., Hamilton, welcomes you to any of the following events plus its ongoing programs.

Sunday, Feb. 10 at 11.30 a.m., enjoy Sunday Brunch in the Garden Lounge. Cost is $3 per person.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7.30 p.m., paramedic **Blake Mills** lectures on the heart..

Simcha Sunday is set for 2.30 p.m. Feb. 17, when Murder Mystery Simcha is scheduled. This will be a humdinger of a whodunit!

Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 2.30 p.m., learn about Makeover Magic with **Bobbi.**

Regular programs include Fun Fit with **Susi,** six mornings a week; Bingo three times a month; Stained Glass 2 p.m. every Monday; Crafts with **Susi,** 2.30 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information call **Susi Miller,** at 528-5377.

ESL ASSISTANT

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living would appreciate an ESL (English as a Second Language) teaching assistant two mornings a week, except for school holidays, to help the instructor teach senior students who need extra help. The centre is located at Bathurst and Steeles, close to public transportaton.

Please contact the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

To meet the needs of a modern Jewish family in a fast-paced and changing society, Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following Family Life Workshops: Looking Ahead - a group for young, separated and/or divorced men and women; Mid-Life Separation and Divorce - a group for divorced men and women in their middle years; Taking Care of Aging Parents - a forum for adult children to discuss common concerns and feelings related to their parents' aging and changing; For Families with a "Special Needs" Child - Join with others who understand what one feels when one is raising a special needs child; Living With Teens - Join other parents who wish to understand adolescent behavior and strengthen their relationship with their teens.

Anyone interested in participating in these programs or in working with JF & CS to design your own program, call **Pat,** 638-7800, ext. 215.

KIDSTAGE AT HARBOURFRONT

Kidstage, an imaginative alternative to high-kicking turtles, rapping and lip-synching media stars, returns to Harbourfront with several innovative performances. Not just for kids, Kidstage is engrossing, entertaining and exhilarating.

Jim Jackson presents Mimic Sole (Theatre As Mess), a play centring on the antics of a clown and his musical friend, on Sunday, Feb. 17.

On Sunday, March 3, **Norman Foote** offers Foote Prints, an amalgam of story, song, humor and puppetry.

And on Sunday, March 24, **David Parkes** combines music, movement and humor with sign language, in an interactive show to captivate children.

All performances are at 2 p.m. in the Premiere Dance Theatre, 207 Queen's Quay W. third floor.

To reserve tickets, $6.95 per person (including GST), call the box office at 973-4000 or TicketMaster Canada, 872-1111. There is a service charge for TicketMaster orders.

Floral Centrepiece

FLOWERS FOR A MITZVAH

The mitzvah of Hachnosas Kallah (providing for a bride) is important and Hachnosas Kallah of Toronto, a volunteer organization which raises funds for local brides in need of financial assistance, rents silk floral centrepieces for this purpose. Beautifully designed, the arrangements, in colors to suit your decor, are available for weddings, sheva brachas, bar and bat mitzvahs, luncheons, sweet sixteens, dinner parties, conventions and more.

To inquire, call **Cecile Kaplan,** 633-5913, **Debby Sturm,** 638-9564 or **Ruth Weitz,** 789-4636.

BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., invites you and your family to join in Shabbat morning services at 9.15 on Saturday, Feb. 16. **Ruth Kelman** will deliver the sermon with active participation from Sisterhood members. A delicious kiddush follows.

You will also be welcomed to the havdala service at 8 p.m. with **Cantor Louis Danto** and the

PROJECT CLOTHESLINE

Baycrest Terrace residents Selim Sassoon (left) Dina Zbar and Mae Stein sort and pack clothes for Israel as part of Project Clothesline to provide assistance for many Soviet and Ethiopian Jews who have arrived in the country, often with very few personal possessions.

Zemer Chorale under the direction of **Charles Heller.**

After services, the Shira Duo, **Mona Brown** and **Dorothy Glick,** will provide a musical interlude and there will be an exhibition and sale of works by artist **Miriam Ben-Zeev,** who will be present. The exhibition and sale continues on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To inquire further, call the synagogue office, 633-3838.

ONTARIO PLACE FILMS

The Hunt for Red October will be screened at Ontario Place, 7 p.m. and 9.45 p.m., Feb. 6-10 and Total Recall will be shown 7 p.m. and 9.45 p.m., Feb. 13-17.

Ongoing afternoon films, weekends only, are Blue Planet and North of Superior, 3 and 5 p.m.

Admission is: Adult $6.15, Junior (13-17) $5.60, Child (12 and under) $2.90, Senior $2.90. This includes the GST.

Tickets are available from Ticketron, 872-1212 (service charge) or at the box office (no service charge), which opens one hour before the first screening of the day.

Special viewing areas may be reserved for wheelchair patrons by calling 965-7917, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

VENDORS WANTED

Artisans, craft people, unique gift vendors, are wanted for a Craft and Gift Show to be held at Goulding Community Centre and Arena, 45 Goulding Ave., (three blocks south of Steeles, one block west of Yonge), 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

Under the auspices of Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada, there will be over 100 boutiques at the rate of $65 per booth (table and two chairs included).

Proceeds go to charity.

Interested persons can contact **Malka Mirsky,** 636-5425 (days), 633-6538 (evenings).

SENIOR CARE

The need for volunteers increases during the winter months. Severe weather causes isolation for many seniors and increases their need for services.

Senior Care, a non-profit organization providing home support services to the elderly, requires volunteers.

Two hours a week is all it takes to deliver Kosher Meals on Wheels or visit a homebound senior.

GST can be beautiful if those three letters stand for Give Some Time.

Please call **Selma Taylor,** 635-2860.

NORTH YORK WINTER CARNIVAL

If you can't avoid winter, enjoy it. The North York Winter Carnival, featuring non-stop family fun is set for Feb. 8-10 at North York City Hall and various surrounding facilities. A stellar lineup of entertainment includes stars of the Leningrad Ice Ballet **Irina Korina** and **Viktor Velchin** and Canada's own **Barbara Underhill** and **Paul Martini,** music, children's activities, ice sculptures, a Monte Carlo night , a free pancake breakfast and much more.

Admission is free. Come to 5100 Yonge St. at the first subway station north of Sheppard.

For more information, phone 224-6085.

HEBREW SPEAKING BBW

Kinneret Chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, a Hebrew-speaking group for women of all ages, invites you to join in the formation of this exciting new chapter.

You will have an opportunity to conduct all meetings in Hebrew, participate in programming specific to your interest and form new, lasting friendships.

Take advantage of this opportunity to keep your Hebrew and culture alive. For additional details, contact **Eileen Fields,** 630-9313 or **Esther Croitoru,** 737-6784.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Sensitive listeners are available at Tel-Aide: The Jewish Distress Line, 636-9610.

Are you lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Is there trouble at work? We would be happy to spend time with you on the phone, says **Joan,** a Tel-Aide volunteer listener.

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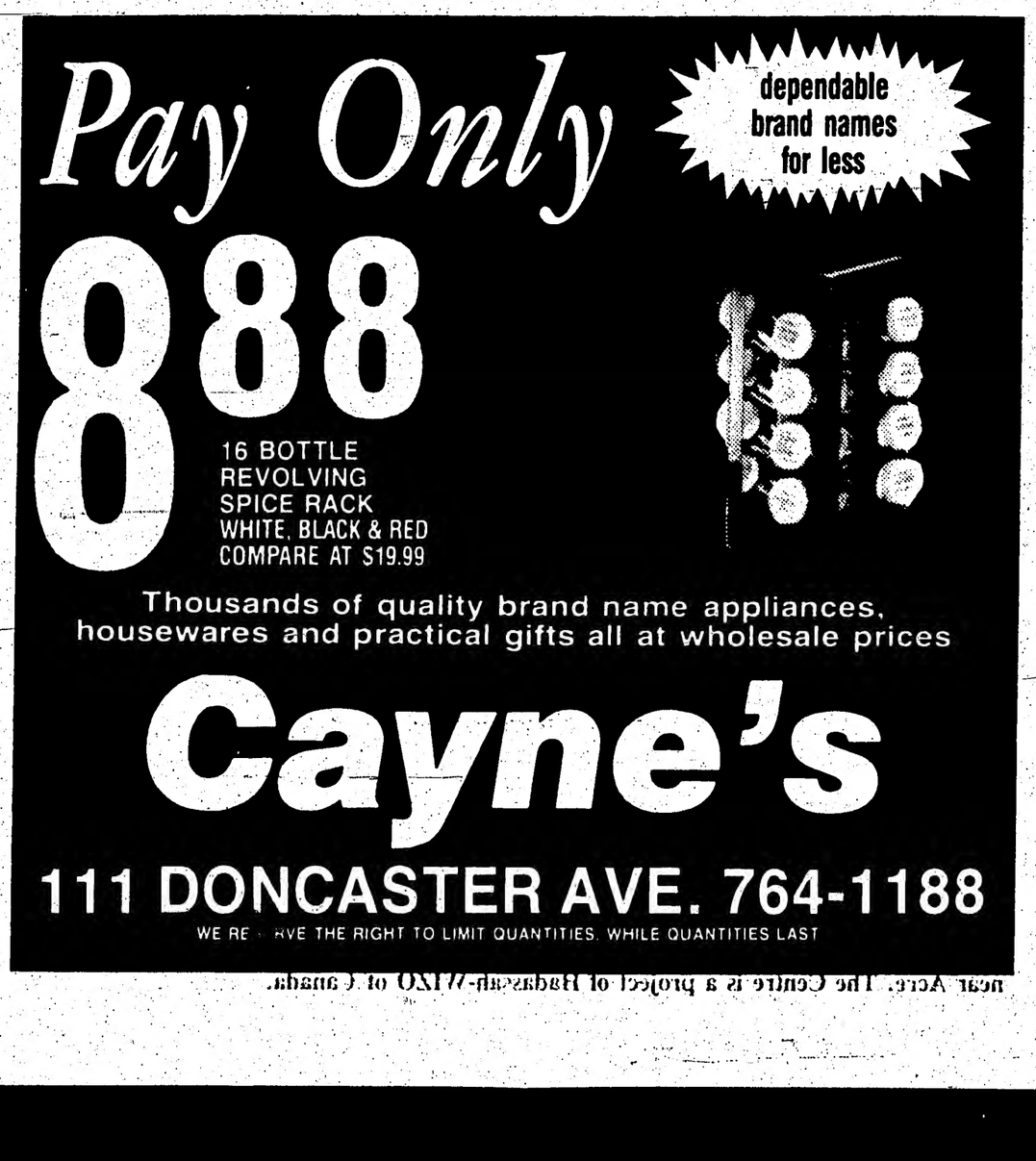
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Organizations and People

What's New

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All Tel-Aide volunteer listeners have taken an extensive training course, and are well qualified to listen. Tel-Aide is sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Congress.

HEART AND STROKE CAMPAIGN

Here's a reminder that February is the month for the 33rd annual Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario fund-raising campaign.

The goal for Ontario throughout the year is $29.4 million. The dollars raised will be used mainly to fund critical research and education programs for heart disease and stroke, which claim more victims each year than any other disease in Canada.

EQUALITY EVE

Women across Canada will hold Equality Eve celebrations on Feb. 14, to mark the 10th anniversary of the improved inclusion of women in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

When the Constitution was being repatriated, more than 1,000 women marched on Ottawa to ensure that women's rights were entrenched in the law. Now, a decade later, that event is being remembered.

In Ottawa, the celebration will take the form of a buffet dinner in Room 200, the West block, where the original conference was held in 1981. And in centres throughout the land, hundreds of dinners ranging from informal pizza parties to formal sit-downs, will be organized.

For specific information about what your community is doing or what you can do to help, call Equality Eve, (416) 961-7744 or (416) 698-5797 or fax at 416-961-7104.

OR SOMEYACH/JEP

An ongoing course to explore powerful biblical images, issues and characters in Genesis, is being taught at Or Someyach/JEP, 2939 Bathurst St., by **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky**, at 8 p.m. Mondays. A special Purim lecture will be given on Monday, Feb. 25.

And, this Passover, experience the exodus from right to left. A free crash course in reading Hebrew - five 1½-hour weekly classes - starts soon and there is a choice of eight locations. Second and third levels are also available.

Call 785-5899.

BLACK HISTORY

Harbourfront salutes Black History month with exhibitions, music, lectures, storytelling and children's activities. As well as detailing the general Black experience, the program will focus on African-Canadian life in Ontario and the future of the Black community within Canada.

For more information, call Harbourfront, 973-3000.

ONTARIO TO HONOR SENIORS

Once again, the Ontario government will honor exceptional seniors with an Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

This award, to be presented during Senior Citizens' Month in June, recognizes outstanding seniors who, after age 65, have made significant contributions to their communities.

Nominees must be residents of Ontario and have made their contributions in one or more of the following categories: Arts/Literature, Community Service, Education, Environment/Science, Fitness/Recreation/Sports, Humanitarian Activities, Preservation of History, Volunteerism, any other category.

The public as well as community and seniors' organizations may nominate individuals in their area.

Nomination forms are available by writing to the Office for Senior Citizens' Affairs, 76 College St., 6th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1N3 or by calling 327-2422 (within Toronto) or 1-800-267-7329, toll free (outside Toronto).

CHAMPIONNATS D'ORTHOGRAPHE

La filière scolaire, c'est reparti!

For the second consecutive year, La Chaîne francaise of TVOntario offers young Ontario students an opportunity to measure their French spelling skills in preliminary competitions leading to World Championships in French orthography (spelling).

This year, a new category for non-francophones is being introduced to permit the greatest possible number of candidates from immersion programs to participate. Dictées have been prepared especially for candidates in this category.

The dictées will be given March 7 and 21 and participants with fewer than ten errors in round one will move on to round two. The 15 best in each category will enter the semi-final which takes place next October in Toronto.

For information, contact **Christian Laforce,** (416) 484-2600 or, outside the Toronto area, call 1-800-268-8840.

for seniors

For the next few weeks, professional assistance in preparing your income tax is available free of charge (single incomes of $15,000 and couple incomes of $22,500). Call **Teme Kernerman, North Y Branch, JCC,**636-1880, ext. 364, for an appointment. Available times are Tuesdays, 6-9.30 p.m., starting March 5.

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch, offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit** at 924-6211, ext. 36.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Feb. 13 there will be a lecture in Hebrew by **Shuly Dichter** on The Kibbutz at the Year 2000, with a movie on the subject, to follow.

For information, call **Avner Meiri,** 663-1443, **Oved Azuri,** 631-9794, or **Gitit Gilran,** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The **Friendship Club** at **Forest Hill Library,** 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features seniors' activities such as bridge-and-more, Monday and Tuesdays noon-5 p.m. Call 393-7706 for additional information.

At the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer, the Minimal Vision program for members, residents and guests, will feature a talk on Mobility by **Bob Witte,** of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 1.30-2.30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11 in the Fireside Lounge. On Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room, members of the Canadian Opera Company will perform Opera Highlights.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., announces that ongoing programs offered in conjunction with the North York Board of Education include The Joy of Music, with **Ella Krylov,** every other Monday at 1 p.m. (next program is Feb. 11) and The World Before Your Eyes Via Armchair Travel, every two weeks at 1 p.m., Mondays. On Feb. 18, there will be a look at Scotland with **Larry Noble.** Upcoming outings include the ballet, *Sleeping Beauty,* on May 14 at the O'Keefe Centre and a two-week trip to Switzerland with kosher hotels, May 28-June 11. Bridge starts again in the spring. For information on all activities, call **Lena,** 785-5733 or **Ruth,** 224-5923. ...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to the Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors Club, Sheppard and Bathurst, holds a dance every Saturday evening from 7.30-10.30 in the club house. There is no charge for members, $1 non-members. Ongoing activities offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education include bridge, ballroom and line dancing and fitness. Other activities are shuffleboard and woodwork crafts. The next movie is Wednesday, Feb. 20 and the next Sunday dance is Feb. 24, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. in the community centre. For more information, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Senior Sinais' Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

Senior Adult Services, North Y Branch JCC, is organizing a trip to Ottawa, May 7-9. Cruise the Rideau Canal, visit the Parliament Buildings, National Gallery, Cineplus with the amazing 7-storey high Imax Screen, the Museum of Civilization and more. For information call **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

New members are welcome at the Book Club. Meetings with group leader **Jim McDonald,** are held weekly in the Library, 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays.

New members are also invited to join the Creative Writing group which meets in the Library with **Sylvia Warsh,** 9.30 a.m.-noon, Fridays.

Seniors Coping with Grief is a new support group for seniors who have lost an adult child. If you want to share your grief, or would like more information about this group, call **Shari Cherney** or **Suzanne Landry,** 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7.30-10.30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10. Admission is $3 members, $3.50 non-members.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg,** 225-2112.

The La'Briyut Wellness Centre's Be Good to your Heart program, continues with a session from 10-11.30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. Call **Sandra** at 225-2112 or visit the Wellness Centre to register.

An audio-visual presentation geared toward the older adult, is to be given by the TTC (Toronto Transit Commission) at 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 in the synagogue. There will be a question and answer period, and the TTC is donating to a lucky draw.

at the JCC

Come play badminton at the Bloor Y Branch, Wednesdays between 11.30-1.30 p.m. Members only.

The Bloor Y's annual Centrefest program, will be held Feb. 23-28. **Debbie Friedman** performs on Saturday Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20. CityForum will discuss Lifestyles for the '90s with panelists. A Celebration of Jewish Arts, archives, Purim Carnival, films and a Costume Party/Dance are scheduled as well. Call **Nurit** at 924-6211 ext. 36 for additional information.

A luncheon with entertainment by the JCC drama group, Habima Players, directed by **Minabelle Haneford,** takes place 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 12 at the North-Y, 4588 Bathurst St. **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880 ext. 364.

The JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge every Monday evening, 7.30-11 p.m. Cost is $3 per session. For more information, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

The JCC N/E Valley Branch is starting a new group called Twentysomething. If you're 24-35 years old and interested in getting involved, call Luni.

The JCC N/E Valley Singles Network is planning a house party at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16. Cost is $5. To reserve, call Luni, 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

About People

BOYS TOWN PRESIDENT

Albert Mandel a prime mover in the Toronto Jewish community, has been elected president, Canadian Friends of Boys Town, Jerusalem. Owner of Mandel Shoes, he is a leader in numerous campaigns, including the Jewish National Fund and State of Israel Bonds, as well as a strong supporter of the Negev Dinner. He and his family are members of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Albert Mandel

A well-known amateur baseball player in past years, he maintains his interest in sports and his commitment to Boys Town stems from his concern for youth.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Pre-Valentine's Day Party at **Park Avenue**, 4950 Yonge Street, at the Madison Centre North of Sheppard Ave. Sunday, February 10. 8:00p.m. Cover $10.00. **222-7111** for information. 3459

Beth Tikvah Singles (35-55) invites you to join us for an Oneg Shabbat Pot Luck (Dairy) at a members home, February 8. For reservations call Sonja at 491-9756 or 882-9057.
February 10, "Greet and Meet" at a members home. Cost $7.00. For information call 882-9057. 3647

Mayfair West Racquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having its next singles party Saturday, February. 23. The action begins at 7:00pm with a tennis round robin, and a dance following at 10:00pm. The cost for the tennis and dance is $18.00 for non-members, and $13.00 for Mayfair members. The cost is $8.00 after 10:00pm for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia at 638-1010. 3541

***Games Jewish Singles Play**
Beth Torah Singles invites Jewish gentleman and ladies to a fun games evening. Group A: ages 26-40. Group B: ages 41-69. Saturday, February 16, 1991. 8:00pm. Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Avenue.
*Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Bridge, Scrabble, Balderdash, Scattergory, Yuk-Yuk, Pictionary etc. Early Bird Bingo, 8-8:30. Prizes. Refreshments. Admission $5.00. Information, Mollie 733-3634. Myrna, 223-6028.

Adath Israel Singles (30-50 Years) Friday, Feb. 8, 8pm, Adath Israel Synagogue, Oneg Shabbat. Topic: Intermarriage, Why Not? Guest speaker - Rabbi Sheldon Korn. For more information call the Rabbi, 635-5340. 3541

Toronto's Orthodox Singles Inc. presents a **Toronto Shabbaton** at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, February 22-24, 1991. 3 Shabbat meals- $135, Saturday night excitement- $35, Sunday Brunch- $35. For more information contact Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Cheryl Kupfer 229-4426, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833. 3648

BBC MEETING

Bnai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs held its national meeting in Toronto. The Institute has a mandate to protest the abuse of human rights worldwide and advocate on behalf of Jewish communites in distress. Shown are (from left) Sheldon Lerman, national chairman Israel Affairs committee; Prof. Aurel Braun, national co-chairman Soviet Jewry committee; and Brian Morris, national chairman of the Institute for International Affairs.

RETIREMENT OPTIONS

Club Beersheba, Toronto Na'Amat, learned about Future Retirement Options from Norma Steiner (centre), program director at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Beersheba's program director, Dinah Gruber (left) introduced the speaker. Frances Klinger (right) hosted the meeting.

Musical concert to aid Alzheimer's research

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Rosemarie Danziger

Shaya Petroff

Natalya Tyomkina

Senia Trubashnik

TORONTO —

Two internationally-acclaimed musicians from the Soviet Union, an Israeli born in Denmark, and a well known Canadian accompanist and performer will headline an evening of music to support research in Alzheimer's disease in Israel.

The Annual Gala Benefit Concert, presented by the Toronto Committee of Ezrath Nashim, in aid of the Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital, the Jerusalem hospital for psychiatric and geriatric treatment and rehabilitation, will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 8 p.m.. at the Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., in Downsview.

Renee Rubinstein, president of Ezrath Nashim's Toronto Committee, told The CJN that Ezrath Nashim has won wide praise from the medical community for its research in Alzheimer's disease and the discovery of the fundamental way in which cells from patients with Alzheimer's disease process information from the hormones.

She noted that the proceeds raised at the concert will also assist other programs related to dementia of the elderly, care of the afflicted patients, purchase of needed equipment at the hospital and the newly arrived olim from the Soviet Union who are being settled in the outskirts of Jerusalem.

Concert pianist, Natalya Tyomkina, who arrived in Toronto a year ago from the Soviet Union, Russian-born Senia Trubashnik, one of the top oboists on the international scene, Israeli opera and operetta Diva, Rosemarie R. Danziger, who came to Canada in the fall of 1989, and pianist/accompanist, Toronto's Shaya Petroff, will be featured at the gala benefit performance.

Tyomkina was born in Minsk and made her concert debut at the age of nine with the Minsk Philharmonic Orchestra. In 1960, she won first prize in the National Piano Competition in the Soviet Union and at the international piano competition in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Trubashnik was the principal oboe of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra from 1955 to 1972 and has appeared with the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Born in Denmark and immigrated to Israel as a child, Danziger studied at the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem and the Bezalel Academy of Fine Arts. She performed at the Israel National Opera in Tel Aviv and in roles such as Gilda in Rigoletto and Hanna Glavary in The Merry Widow. She studied at Cornell University and renewed her ties with her Denmark performing with major Danish orchestras.

Danziger has created special ties with the music and theatre life in Vienna and in other European countries. She made her North American debut with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra and is scheduled to appear at the Mozart Festival in Vienna with the Bratislava Philharmonic Orchestra and with the Beijing and Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestras.

Petroff, who has been a frequent accompanist for Ofra Harnoy and has appeared in recital with her in the United States, Puerto Rico and Israel, is the musical co-ordinator of the March 12 concert program.

Sheba Sanders, the co-ordinator of the fund-raising concert told The CJN that special categories of benefactors have been established.

Ezrath Nashim is a registered Canadian charitable organization. Tickets are $18 with special rates for students, seniors and groups. Tickets are available at the Negev Bookstore and at the Adath Israel office. For more information on the various categories of support, or for tickets, call (416) 223-9004 or (416) 733-8657.

JF & CS responding to war-related anxiety

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Since war erupted in the Middle East Jan. 16, the Jewish Family and Child Service has received dozens of calls by people stricken with anxiety over their relatives in Israel — and guilt for not being there.

In response to these distress calls, JF & CS director Gordon Wolfe will be providing a group session, called Coping with the Matzav (the situation in Israel), on Sunday Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m at the Lipa Green Building.

Explains Florence Weinberger, the potential of chemical warfare has triggered long-suppressed memories for many Holocaust survivors here.

For Israeli expatriates, the Scud missile attacks have brought guilt feelings for leaving their friends and family, she says, as well as concerns for their safety and a sense of powerlessness and impotence.

Soviet Jews here, many of whom lived in Israel for a period before finally settling in Canada, also share these emotional stresses, she adds.

Weinberger expects English-, Hebrew- and Russian-speaking support groups will develop from this initial session.

For further information about this free service, call the JF & CS at (416) 638-7800.

24 HOUR WORLDWIDE VIGIL FOR ISRAEL

Join with hundreds of thousands of Jews of all affiliations in cities around the world in an historic, unprecedented show of support for Israel in its time of need.

Beginning Saturday, February 9th at 8:30 p.m. at the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, a worldwide 24-hour Torah-Learning vigil will take place, ending Sunday, February 10th at 8:30 p.m.

SPECIAL OPENING GATHERING FOR VIGIL

Saturday, February 9 - 8:30 p.m.

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Sunday, February 10 - 7:30 p.m.

Ongoing sessions will take place every hour on the hour for students and adults of all levels.

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Ambassador tells CJC meeting:

Hungarian Jews face prejudice

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Hungarian Jews are experiencing some animosity and prejudice as the country moves towards Western-style democracy, but anti-Jewish feeling is not manifesting itself in broad political terms, a meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region executive was told recently.

Vicious anti-Semitism of the type practiced earlier in the century is not on the country's political agenda, the country's ambassador, Dr. Kalman Kulcsar said.

Though Hungary "is in a state where [its people are] not very tolerant of others, other cultures," the country's criminal law penalizes those who "raise feelings of discrimination," the ambassador said.

During the transition to democracy, previously suppressed Hungarians are becoming free "and a lot of feelings, a lot of prejudices are now open for everybody."

Some politicians and journals support that mood, he added.

But "the feeling of hatred has been introduced against almost anybody with different political, religious or other opinions."

Kulcsar, the country's justice minister from 1988-90, traced the history of Hungary's estimated 80,000 Jews to migrations from Spain, Holland, Southern Europe and Russia. He said Hungary never had a "spirit or movement of anti-Semitism" until after the First World War, when many people perceived the Communist Party to be led by Jews.

Eric Slavens (left), chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region hosted Hungarian Ambassador Kalman Kulscar at a regional executive meeting recentiy. [Paul Lungen photo]

The anti-Jewish statutes and measures that followed the German occupation in March 1944 are "the shame of Hungary," the ambassador said.

Today, Hungary is moving from Communist rule to democratization — back to mainstream European values based on the Judeo-Christian heritage of tolerance, he added.

Kulcsar's visit marked the first time a non-Jewish ambassador had addressed a regional executive meeting.

In other reports, Mideast analyst David Dewitt said the big battle arising from the Persian Gulf crisis will take place on the diplomatic front after the war.

He suggested Israel should continue to show restraint to Iraqi missile attacks so as to have "IOUs" available after the war when the give and take of negotiations takes place.

Turning to the Palestinians, Dewitt, the director of the centre for strategic and international studies at York University, said the PLO leaders he met last spring in Tunis seemed to lack a strategic vision of their future.

Dewitt called PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's shift in support of Saddam Hussein, evident even then, as a serious miscalculation, especially in light of Dewitt's view that the future of the Arab world lies in Cairo.

Shira Herzog-Bessin, who recently returned from Israel, said she sensed a feeling of vulnerability among Israelis — a new phenomenon among those born after 1948, when Israel experienced its most perilous situation.

Media reporting from the Jewish state is accurately capturing the mood of defiance, emotional strain and concern over the unknown — Iraq's feared use of chemical weapons, she said.

Despite that, the Israeli public is showing great "political maturity in understanding the strategic options," the former national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee said.

They know the issues are complex, the stakes are great and the volatility within the Arab world is high so that any miscalculation on Israel's part could rebound against it.

Holocaust children to meet in New York

TORONTO —
The gathering of children hidden during the Holocaust will take place in New York City on May 26 and 27. The purpose of the gathering is to bring together those survivors who were children in hiding during the war. They survived, with or without their parents, hiding in woods, attics, convents, orphanages, or housed with non-Jewish families.

The gathering program will consist of workshops, panels, films, discussion and other special events. Some of the participants will be Yaffa Eliach, Aharon Appelfeld, Marion Pritchard, and Robert Krell.

It is anticipated that child survivors from the United States, Canada, Australia, Europe and Israel will attend. Families are also invited.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress will hold an information meeting for anyone who is interested in attending the gathering on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building. For more information call 635-2883 ext. 144 or 153.

For information about the gathering, call The Hidden Child office in New York at (914) 968-9186.

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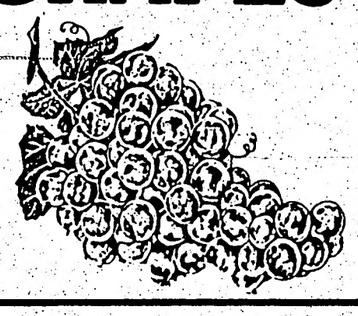

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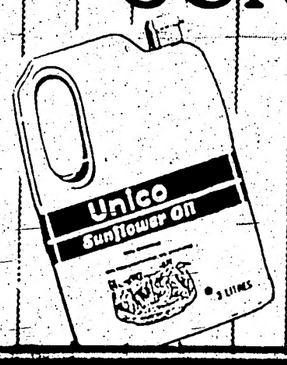

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Organizations and People

New Pardes Shalom officers shown here include (from left) Sidney Freedman, life honorary president; William C. Draimin, president; Stephen Speisman, secretary; and Merv Rosenstein, treasurer.

Draimin elected president of Pardes Shalom cemetery

TORONTO —

William C. Draimin has been elected president of the Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park (Pardes Shalom), to succeed Sidney Freedman, president since its inception in 1972.

Freedman, who guided Pardes Shalom from the planning stage to its full development, has been voted honorary life president. This portion was specifically created in recognition of Freedman's years of dedicated service.

At the same time, according to William Draimin, a new 12-member board of directors has been elected, consisting of six representatives of organizations with sections at Pardes Shalom, and six representing Toronto Jewish Congress.

The new board includes John Bliss (Independent Order of Forresters); William C. Draimin (Holy Blossom Temple); Jack Haft (Shaareh Haim Synagogue); Harvey Poch (B'nai Torah Synagogue); Merv Rosenstein (Beth Tikvah Congregation); Al Wasserman (Judean Benevolent & Friendly Society); and Jack Ajzenberg, Samuel H. Cohen, Sol Edell, Sharon Gladstone, Marty Goldberg, and Dr. Stephen Speisman (Toronto Jewish Congress).

In addition to Draimin, newly elected officers of Pardes Shalom are treasurer Merv Rosenstein, and secretary Stephen Speisman.

Draimin announced that the newly constructed front gate and entrance to Pardes Shalom will be dedicated on Sunday, May 26, at the site. An invitation will be extended to plot holders and to the Jewish community at large, for both the dedication and to view the newly developed third phase of the cemetery.

Intimacy seen beneficial for seniors

TORONTO —

For many people growing older means fewer opportunities for intimacy, says sociologist Dr. Rheta Rosen — and that includes everything from a simple hug to sexual intercourse.

Rosen, who is a professor of family studies at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, spoke recently to a group of seniors at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in Toronto.

"As parents of young children we have lots of chances to touch and be touched — we hug our kids and they hug us back. Our parents may still be alive and if the relationship is good, we enjoy the closeness. We also have partners with whom we can share intimate and sexual moments."

But as children inevitably grow into adults, as parents pass away and finally as spouses also die, many older women and men are cut off from physical contact with others.

Losing contact doesn't mean we no longer yearn for intimacy, according to Rosen. "We all need touch and holding across the life cycle," she says. "In fact studies have been done showing that babies who are fed but not held or cuddled will fail to thrive."

Sexuality is just one part of these intimacy needs, Rosen believes. She says surveys have shown that women and men who have the desire and the opportunity continue to enjoy sexual activity well in their 70s and 80s.

"The quality of this sexuality seems to be different than what we experience when we're younger. There is less urgency, less power playing between the sexes. Men and women seem to be able to focus more on being close, on connecting with their partner. Sex is supposed to be for the young," she says, "but I really believe young people can learn a great deal about sex from their grandparents."

Lack of intimacy is a particular problem for elderly people who must live in institutions such as chronic care hospitals and nursing homes.

Rosen believes that men are more likely to become starved for intimacy later in life. "Women have always felt more comfortable expressing physical affection for each other, feeling it's all right to give a friend a hug or hold hands. But men, particularly those raised in a certain social context, may not hug or touch other men."

Rosen believes that as people age they must make their own opportunities for intimacy. She says older people can get a lot of pleasure from cuddling their grandchildren and they shouldn't be afraid to hug their adult children, either. If older adults have an opportunity and a desire for sexual intimacy, they should take it and not be stopped by the notion that sex is somehow only for the young and beautiful. Many elderly people find they enjoy the simple pleasure of stroking a beloved pet, and she also encourages them to try a professional massage — not only is it good for your body, she says, but it can fulfill the need for physical contact.

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Bnai B'rith seeking details of Science Centre contract

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Ontario Science Centre is "covering up" sensitive details of last autumn's controversy surrounding a deal with the government of Oman which boycotted Israeli products, charges B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

The League says it will appeal a recent denial of information by the Science Centre's acting director, Brian Shannon.

The League had requested the information through Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and it wanted to know details of the centre's agreement to build a children's science fair in the Sultanate of Oman.

In November, it was revealed that last May, the Science Centre signed a $1.2 million contract with the government of Oman, on the Arabian Peninsula. The deal agreed to a boycott of all Israeli products, companies and companies which deal with Israel, in apparent contravention of Ontario law.

When the contract's legality was questioned by government lawyers, the Israel boycott clause was rewritten to state that all goods and services in the exhibit would come solely from North America.

In the ensuing uproar, the science centre's director-general, Mark Abbott, was fired, and Ontario Premier Bob Rae promised an investigation.

Now, the League wants all internal memos pertaining to the deal, minutes of board meetings and copies of the original and revised contracts, says Marvin Kurz, Ontario League chairman.

"It may well be that we already know everything, but we want full disclosure," Kurz told The CJN.

But the League was denied the information because any disclosure may "interfere with an on-going law enforcement investigation and, in the event of a trial, could deprive a person of a fair hearing," Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection coordinator George Sutton stated in a letter to Kurz.

Kurz says he is not aware of any police investigation in the matter. As far as he knows, the only litigation emanating from the episode is a wrongful dismissal suit by Abbott against the provincial ministry of culture.

As well, Kurz was told that the release of information would be "contrary to the public interest."

"Quite frankly, I was amazed at the response," Kurz said. "If it all stays private, we'll have more contracts like the one with Oman.

"This [denial] amounts to nothing more than a cover-up and appears to have been done for no other reason that to save [the centre] further embarrassment."

The League launched its appeal on Jan. 18.

Science Centre spokesman Jennifer Fleming declined comment on the matter.

Kurz says he has a Science Centre memo that advised employees working on the Omani project to make sure no Israeli visas appeared in their passports.

After he was fired, Abbott told The CJN he regretted having signed the contract, and he apologized to the Jewish community. But he stressed the contract did not prevent Jews from working on the deal.

Board members interviewed by The CJN last November said the Omani contract occasionally came up in meetings, but only to say the exhibit was progressing on budget.

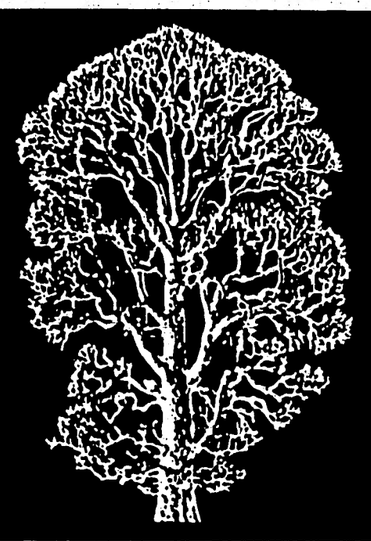
Board chairman George Cohon said he knew nothing about the original contract until after it was signed. Then, he ordered it changed and was told by government lawyers that the revised version was legal.

At the time, B'nai Brith called on the centre to put the $400,000 it realized as profit from the deal to further anti-racist education.

BB says the centre has not responded to the suggestion.

TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION

Kim Kowarsky provided lively entertainment at the community Tu b'Shevat celebration held last week at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. The community event was held as Jewish National Fund continued tree plantings in Israel despite the tense security situation caused by the war in the Persian Gulf. While nationwide ceremonies were cancelled in Israel, tens of thousands of school children, soldiers and new immigrants planted their tree saplings at one of 20 JNF-designated locations around the country or alternate sites close to their place of residence which have been approved by JNF forest rangers. [Alron photo]



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Organizations and People

Common threads not enough: Abella

Jews face challenges in future

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
Jews of Canada face a formidable task of surviving as a cultural and social force in the future even without the threats of crisis, said historian Irving Abella of Toronto, at a leadership institute here of the national women's division, United Israel Appeal of Canada.

The common thread that holds us together now — anti-Semitism, Israel and the Holocaust — is not enough to sustain us, he said. "We can't survive on what's remembered," he said. "Have fund-raising campaigns taken the place of Judaism?"

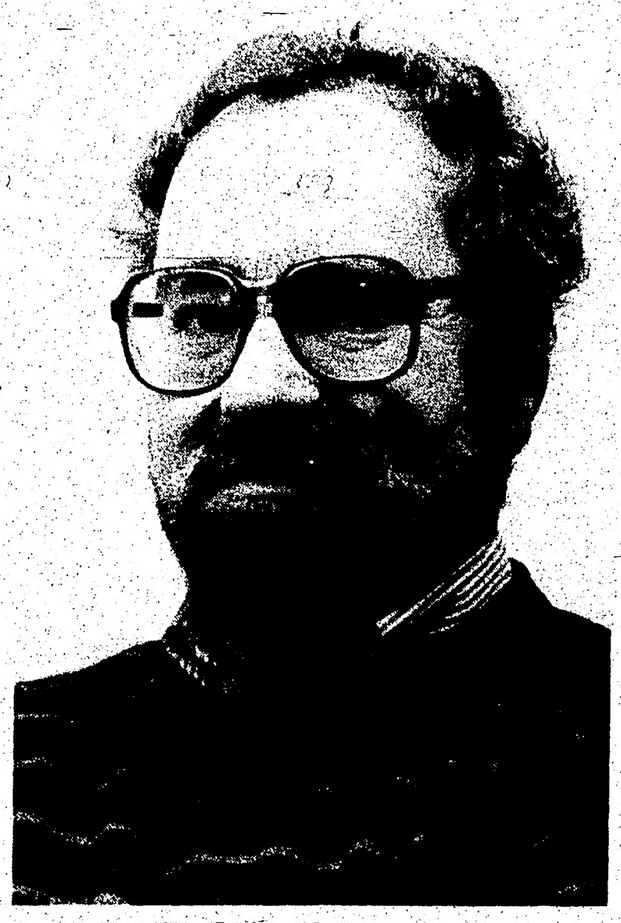
Our two unifying beliefs, Never Again and Am Israel Chai are not going to assure continuity, stated Abella. Physical survival demands a flowering of Judaism. While it is essential to find ways to focus on survival, we must look on Jewishness as a benefit, not a burden and responsibility. Survival just for the sake of surviving is not enough, he declared.

Abella cited statistics which showed that by 1986 the assimilation of Canadian Jews had tripled within five years. He said there are between 75,000 and 100,000 Jews in this country who do not take part in Jewish activity. Intermarriage is increasing at a rapid rate.

The community cannot remain Jewish if we do not accept responsibility for its spiritual and cultural needs as well as its safety.

The speaker said between five and 10 per cent of Canadian academics are Jewish and their numbers will increase, yet many of them are alienated from the Jewish community because they are not invited to share in the leadership.

He said there are only two universities in Canada offering an "understaffed and underfunded" course in Judaic studies, as compared to 400 universities in the United States, and he called for greater emphasis in this area because "the university curriculum is a symbolic statement of what matters."



Irving Abella

Abella said there must be more funding for universities and "we must risk our present comfort for the future."

Abella was critical of cutbacks he said have been made to student organizations. "What kind of message are we sending them when we do this?" he asked.

He reminded his listeners that "we are the last generation with a memory of the Holocaust, the Six Day War, the founding of Israel and its founders . . . but to the young people this is history."

The younger generation has the same agenda as the general community — and the Jewish content is missing. Our youth, he said, must be permitted greater participation in decision-making for the Jewish community; this must be given to them by the present leadership.

The two fastest growing elements in the Jewish community are the ultra-Orthodox and the assimilationists, Abella said. He called for action to bring those who are alienated back into the Jewish fold.

Abella said Canadian Jews have options available to them now which were not available in the past. There are no restrictions, no quotas in Canadian society: Yet the openness of society is the threat to Judaism.

He asked for vision to keep Judaism high on the agenda with the hope that this effort will pay off 25 years down the road. "Where the money will come from, I don't know," he conceded. "I'm glad I don't have to worry about that," he told the group who had gathered to learn more about fund raising.

He ended with a note of hope. "We have a formidable task," he said, "but then, we are a formidable people."

Mazon alters course as food bank use grows

He who is needy, let him come and eat.
Passover Haggada

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
The burgeoning number of the hungry in Metro Toronto and elsewhere in Canada relying on food banks has compelled Mazon Canada to change its fundamental fund-raising posture and engage in a direct mail solicitation, according to the organization's most recent newsletter.

When established four years ago, Mazon — meaning sustenance in Hebrew — was unique among Jewish charities in the country in that it pledged not to engage in traditional campaign methods like mass mailings, telephone solicitations or repeat canvassing of donors.

Instead, it relied on Jews to set aside a percentage of their simcha food expenditures.

That policy led to a generous response from the community, Mazon's executive director Prof. Roger Hyman reported. The organization's donor base doubled in the last two years, and allocations in 1990 were up 30 per cent over the year previous.

But the ranks of the food bank dependant have grown faster than contributions.

Deteriorating economic conditions forced 1.4 million Canadians (of whom 560,000 were children) to turn to food banks and soup kitchens last year, Hyman noted.

In Metro Toronto alone, 93,000 people a month, including 45,000 children, now use Metro Toronto's food assistance programs.

"For all of them, and for the children especially, there are very real physical and psychological risks in being placed on the periphery of a society which appears to value them so little that it cannot even provide for them the most basic of all needs," Hyman stated in the newsletter.

"We have reason to be confident that the new government in Ontario has the reduction of hunger high on its list of priorities. At the same time, we know how financially strapped is that government, and others across Canada.

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BEN ROSE

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The click of tape recorders in the balcony is only one of the hazards of a cantor's life, a retired chazzzan told a Brotherhood Breakfast Club at Holy Blossom Temple recently.

Other hardships are posed by the synagogue member who knows nothing about music but is a *maven* nevertheless and members who bolt for the exits while the cantor is concluding the service.

In a good-humored commentary, Cantor Joseph A. Levine, who was a congregational cantor for 25 years, said a chazzn experiences difficulty whether he is in an Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionist congregation.

He told the story of the Eastern European cantor after the Second World War who was hired to fill in at the Passover services of a Borscht Belt resort. The warm-up act was a singer who performed "Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning," and the reception was so good the cantor decided to repeat the song but in a chazzan's style.

He poked fun at the Reconstructionists who, he said, "believe in an informal deity and can't be *hamish* with God." When addressing the deity, he said, they say, "To whom it may concern."

The Reform movement didn't escape his barbs either. "Their sermons are apt to begin 'Our Father Which Art in Heaven'."

At his own congregation, a tenor in the choir was called forward to be honored after 40 years of service. But as he came forward from the choir loft the ancient brass curtain rail came loose from its moorings and knocked the poor tenor unconscious.

Cantor Levine was scholar-in-residence for a Shabbat Shira weekend at Holy Blossom Temple. In two sermons-in-song he discussed how to involve people in meaningful prayer and traced synagogue song from Second Temple times to the mid-twentieth century.

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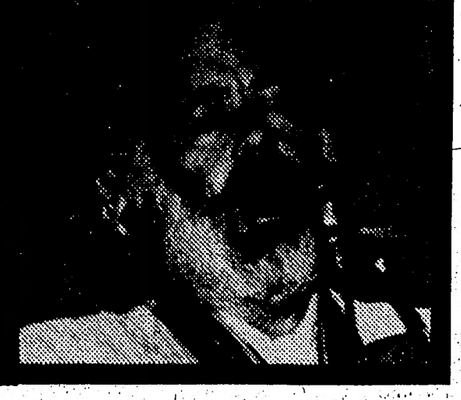

No clear solutions, says professor

Haifa U. meet tackles child abuse

HAIFA —

"As a society, we don't like kids."

This startling opinion was voiced by Prof. Anne McGillivray of the University of Manitoba faculty of law at a conference on child abuse and child victimization held recently at the University of Haifa. She pointed to the failure of social policy to come up with clear prescriptions for protecting and caring for children.

Instead, she believes, child abuse has become the political scapegoat for the real concerns of the day. "Poverty and racism hurt more children, but governments find it cheaper and more direct to grind out social concerns."

The symposium was one of the two open meetings of the First International Interdisciplinary Study-Group on Ideologies of Children's Rights. The study group was sponsored by the University of Haifa's Centre for Youth Policy, the faculty of law of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the Israel Section of Defence for Children International.

McGillivray said that different forms of abuse are forever being discovered, discussed, and then forgotten. Although the term itself is only some 30 years old, Western society has had some 100 years of experience in dealing with the phenomenon.

Despite massive attention from all levels of society, there have been no solutions. No one has any clear idea what to do about it, she said.

The growing problem of drug-exposed children is particularly acute in the United States, where two thirds of all child-neglect cases are drug related, said Janet Fink, assistant attorney-in-charge of the Juvenile Rights Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York City.

She said about 11 per cent of all births in New York State involve a drug-exposed infant, a figure that has increased 3,000 per cent in 10 years.

Fink laid the blame for this situation, which she termed an "epidemic of drug abuse," on crack, a smokeable derivative of cocaine. Crack use has been particularly prevalent among women of prime child-bearing ages since the mid-1980s, she said.

Treatment opportunities lacking

The result is that a new generation of cocaine-exposed children, some of them now reaching school age, has been growing up with a disporportionate share of physical and developmental disabilities.

Policy-makers have called for criminalization of the prenatal transmission of drugs and the removal of drug-exposed infants to special orphanages. These solutions, Fink contends, constitute "an assault on the delicate balance of rights and interest among children, their parents, and the state." They are also of questionable efficiency in serving the children such policies are designed to protect, she said.

Also, she said, application of child protective statutes may be unacceptable since there is a tendency of discriminatory intervention against the poor and minorities, who are twice as likely to be reported or caught for drug-taking. Then, too, there is a lack of voluntary, community-based treatment opportunities.

For these reasons, Fink believes, the medical, psychological, and educational problems of "cocaine's littlest victims" frequently cannot be met without court intervention.

There is a need, however, to eliminate the adversarial process in such cases and to find a family-preservation type of solution to accommodate the interests of both sides, she said.

The role of the state in protecting children, according to Malfrid Flekkoy, Norway's ombudsman for children's rights, can be to prevent conflict between children and society.

The ombudsman office acts as an instrument of law against acts that might be harmful to children, not just those that obviously are. One result has been the promotion of child-impact statements by municipalities. For instance, will a particular building expansion take away playing space?

Flekkoy, who has been asked by UNICEF to write a book on her experience, listed four principles that may be useful for other countries in setting up such an office.

She said it should be independent politically and financially, accessible to children and adults, have one single purpose and no hidden agendas, and base its opinions on sound research.

Prof. George Kent of the University of Hawaii estimated that there are about one million child prostitutes around the world. Some countries, particularly in the Third World, have a deep history of this extreme form of child abuse, he said.

Kent said that international agencies like UNICEF or Interpol, have not paid enough attention to the matter, especially to the problem of what happens to the children of prostitutes.

Other forms of child abuse, according to Dr. Joav Merrick of Tel Hashomer Hospital, Tel Aviv, are physical abuse and physical neglect, emotional abuse and emotional neglect. All these forms occur within as well as outside the family.

Whatever the form, Merrick said, child abuse causes both short-term and long-term or permanent damage, from delayed emotional development to anti-social behavior, and to suicide in extreme cases.

In Israel, he said, the problem of child abuse was denied until about two years ago. It was only when physical abuse resulted in a child's death that the problem was brought home there.

As a result, Israel lags several years behind other Western countries in taking effective action. For instance, it has yet to ratify the UN convention on children's rights.

Dr. Zvi Eisikovits of Haifa University's Youth Policy Centre perhaps summed up by saying that Israel is a society that pretends to be child centred, "but child abuse and the way we relate to it will be a good measure of child centredness in Israel."

Lyons introduced Baycrest programs

TORONTO —

For more than 30 years Walter Lyons worked with the elderly and their families at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in Toronto. As administrator of the Jewish Home for the Aged, he introduced the concept of day care services for the elderly, as well as special care programs for people with cognitive illness such as Alzheimer's disease.

He eventually became director of Baycrest's admission and referral department and then director of the centre's education department.

A collection of his many papers has just been published by Baycrest Centre under the title, The Caring Community: A Supportive Network for the Elderly. It should serve as a vital resource for anyone involved in caring for the elderly — including social workers, nurses, physicians, therapists, and students.

Some topics included in the collected works are: coping with cognitive impairment, disruptive behavior in the elderly, the role of family interaction, how to assess our helping roles, enhancing the elderly client's mastery in the admission process to long-term institutional care and building a successful day-care program.

According to Sorele Urman, a social worker and director of central intake at Baycrest, Lyons — who died in 1986 — left a rich legacy of practice skills, knowledge, expertise and wisdom.

"Our work here at Baycrest is based on his solid foundation, stubbornly persistent spirit and dedication to serving others," she says.

The Caring Community can be purchased for $25 per copy which includes postage and handling. For further information or an order form, contact Sybil Gilinsky at 789-5131, ext. 2365.

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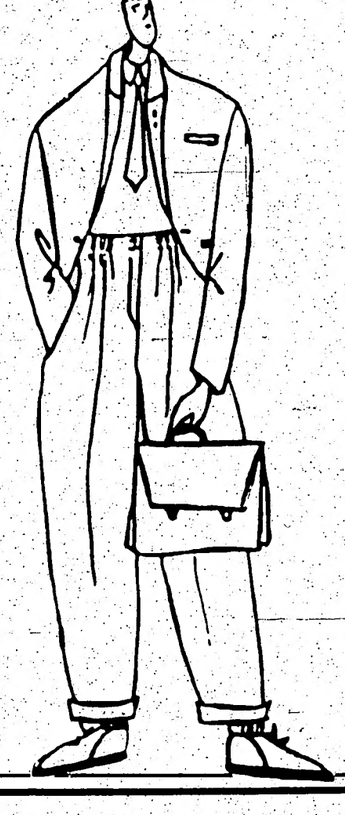

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Entire line is co-ordinated

Tailored Rodier garments altered to suit Canadians

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

When asked to describe the kind of woman who would buy Rodier garments, one of the Toronto sales representatives answered only with a smile.

DaNielle Gauthier walked across the elegantly laid out showroom at the King Edward Hotel and picked up a book that she said would best answer the question.

She was right. The excerpt begins: "A direct consequence of 20 years of perfectly understood post-feminism, the Rodier woman obeys but one rule: to be herself and nobody else. This type of woman is said to be intelligent, well-balanced, attractive and even more.

"What does fashion mean to her? It is a game. A sheet of music on which she composes her own tune. Sensual, she like the soft touch of mohair, the warmth of knit-wools, the harmonies of colors and the pleasure of rich fabrics."

Gauthier said these stipulations are the foundation of Rodier's fashion philosophy.

Founded in 1916 in France by Jacques Rodier, the line was first imported to Canada more than 20 years ago. To date, the line has been tailored to suit women who are 20 and older.

Described as a classic and weekend wear collection, Gauthier said the entire line is co-ordinated.

From blouses to sweaters to skirts, pants, vests and accessories, Rodier co-ordinates the collection with both color and fabrications.

For fall, Gauthier presented one grouping called neutral harmonies. This collection features chocolate browns, cream, tan and dove grey. An other, the hunting colors, included copper, spiced pumpkin, forest green, purple red and burnt orange. In another color story for fall, bright shades such as cobalt blue, yellow and green are featured.

Gauthier explained that the two fabrics most popular for the season are kasha and marly. Kasha is a 60 per cent wool and 40 per cent acrylic blend. She referred to this material as easy-care and luxurious.

The marly is composed of 50 per cent laine and 50 per cent viscose. Garments in this fabric are popular in shades of avocado, topaz, plum, coffee and peach.

Gauthier has been a representative of Rodier for the past 11 years, and she said that she has worn the outfits for many years.

Coming from France, Gauthier said the line has had to be altered to suit the more conservative tastes of Canadians. Light knits have also been incorporated into the line that are geared towards the colder climate. She said although the styles are basically similar, the colors and the length of the skirts are altered for Canada.

Through the years, Rodier has changed. Gauthier said the old Rodier was more expensive, and it was geared to the older market. Today, it has been altered both in style and in price in order to accommodate the younger population, which also wants quality and style.

Asked what she thought the sluggish economy, the Free Trade Agreement and the Goods and Services Tax will have on the industry, she replied that hard times often have a positive effect in the long run.

She said that this hard spell will cleanup or weed out the fashion industry. Those who will survive are those who offer quality merchandise at comprehensible price points, she said.

Learned from grandmother

Designer knits a yarn for craftsmen

By
MARIE MOORE

Dale Waldorf learned her love of knitting at her grandmother's knee.

As a young woman, she spent much of her spare time smocking, tatting and embroidering. Now, she plies her wares in her own shop, a small refuge of Victorian charm, in Norwood, Ont.

Located on Highway 7, near Peterborough, Norwood is the same small town where Waldorf's grandmother used to knit as she walked in order to deliver her orders on time.

"Her dream was to have a shop here, so I really feel as though I'm continuing a tradition with the store."

The store is divided into two sections: one half displays sew-at-home supplies and pattern books while the other is devoted to actual garments that illustrate the numerous possibilities of working with yarn.

However, the most popular spot is probably the courtyard, with its white cast iron furnishings, oversized flower baskets and relaxing atmosphere.

The combination of yarns, fabrics and unusual stitches makes Peterborough-native Dale Waldorf's designs comfortable, stylish and elegant.

People often sit and browse through the pattern books or get lost in friendly conversation with a neighbor — it's just that kind of place.

As well as providing her town with a local outlet for craftspeople's handiwork and a place where to order handmade, custom-crafted knits, the shop sells a wide range of yarn, from cotton and silk to rayon and linen.

Creating couture garments for an impressive clientele list is another aspect of Waldorf's business. In fact, this writer discovered her unique collection of garments in a display booth at last spring's Festival of Canadian Fashion.

Her fashionably appointed evening wear and special occasion garments convey a look of elegance while maintaining a high level of comfort. The simplicity of a Coco Chanel-like design may be artistically blended with the fashion flair attributed to a Gaston Worth or Jacques Doucet creation.

Yarn and knitting techniques are carefully selected to enhance the beauty of the design and the essence of the wearer. In keeping with her family's history of hand-finishing skills, she employs the use of embroidery, beadwork, antique lace, feathers, silk and silk bouquets.

In learning more about the craft of designing, Waldorf has travelled to the fashion and costume department of the Victorian Albert Museum and The Children's Museum in London, England.

"From the time the museum opened until it closed, I sketched designs and details — it was fascinating."

A desire to improve her mechanical theory took Waldorf back to school last year, where she studied fashion illustration at the Ontario College of Art.

She said she finds her newly acquired skills "handy" when undertaking such major tasks as designing and producing gowns for an entire wedding party.

Her prices for wedding gowns depend on the amount of handwork involved, the time it takes to complete the job and the types of materials used. A base figure starts at $1,200.

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Garments from the studio have been enthusiastically received in Toronto, Los Angeles, San Diego, New York and Montreal. Garments from the collection were featured at Artisan 90, sponsored by the Japanese Canadian Cultural Community.

In March, Waldorf will present her fall/holiday line at Montreal's Canadian International Womenswear Show.

New project will assist designers

The Wool Bureau of Canada has announced the formation of the Woolmark Designer Foundation.

Its mandate is twofold: to assist Canadian fashion designers in establishing themselves in the marketplace and to stimulate the use of wool products.

This project replaces the annual Woolmark Awards program. Funds formerly spent to produce a gala reception/fashion show will be channeled into the current project.

The evolution of this concept represents a realistic appraisal of current market conditions in the Canadian fashion industry by the Wool Bureau, its president says.

Ross Henry says that in recognition of the increasingly competitive and soft retail climate, the Foundation will provide resource and financial support for a variety of activities.

"The needs have changed. As pleased as we are with the extraordinary national response to the Woolmark Awards, we cannot ignore today's economic realities.

"The industry is facing a real challenge and Canada's fashion designers need tangible help. Our commitment to Canadian talent still stands and the redirection of our promotional funds to the Foundation will enable us to lend more immediate assistance to an even greater number of designers."

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Each will receive funds — the amount is not divulged — based on the merit and scope of their projects.

The three recipients are Orville Ellis, Liz Lant and the team of Alan Wade and Meghan Gray.

Menswear designer Ellis plans to incorporate the finest lightweight pure wool shirts into his Milan Design label. Often using non-traditional color schemes, Ellis designs for the adventurous. His success with men's and unisex clothes recently elevated him to the status of an "established designer."

Lant plans to pioneer a concept that will eventually become a source for other designers. Using her clean, geometric designs at the base, she wants to transform basic, good quality wool fabrics into something truly unique, by the application of surface prints.

Designers Wade and Gray have carved a niche in the womenswear market with their Wade/Gray label. They are planning a project with North American mills which will develop patterned knit fabrics.

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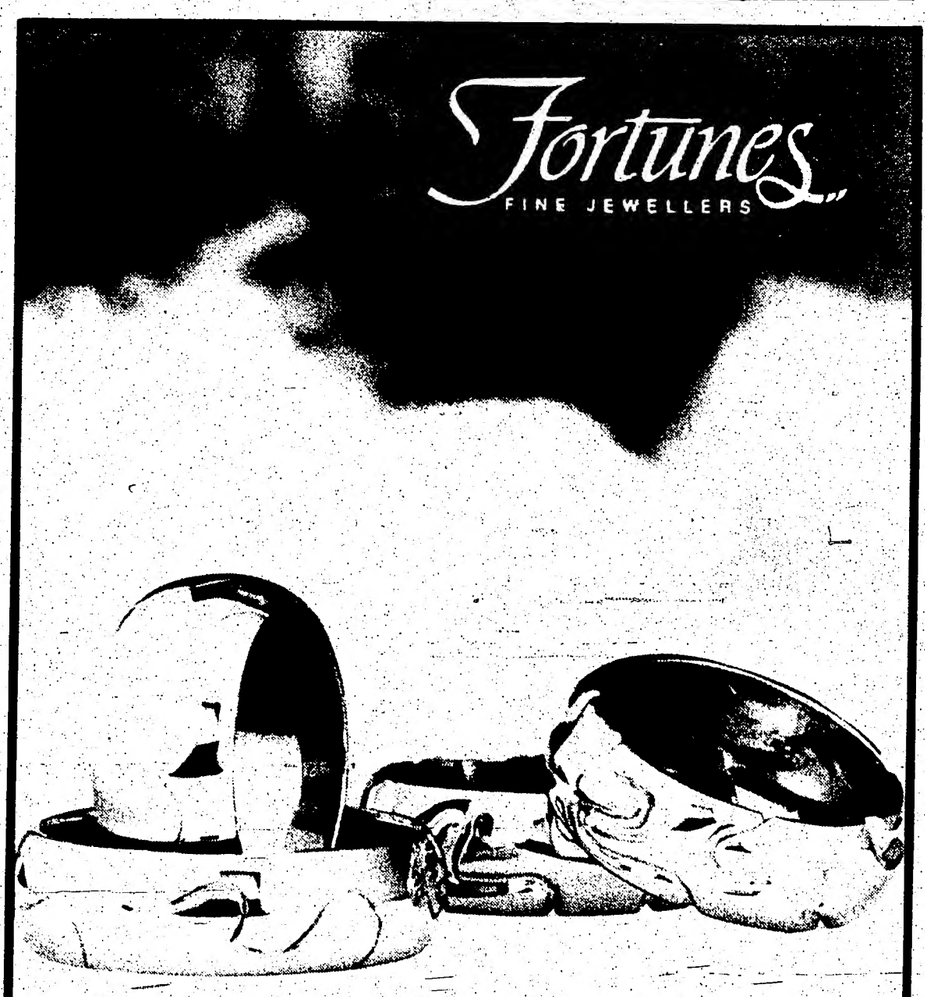

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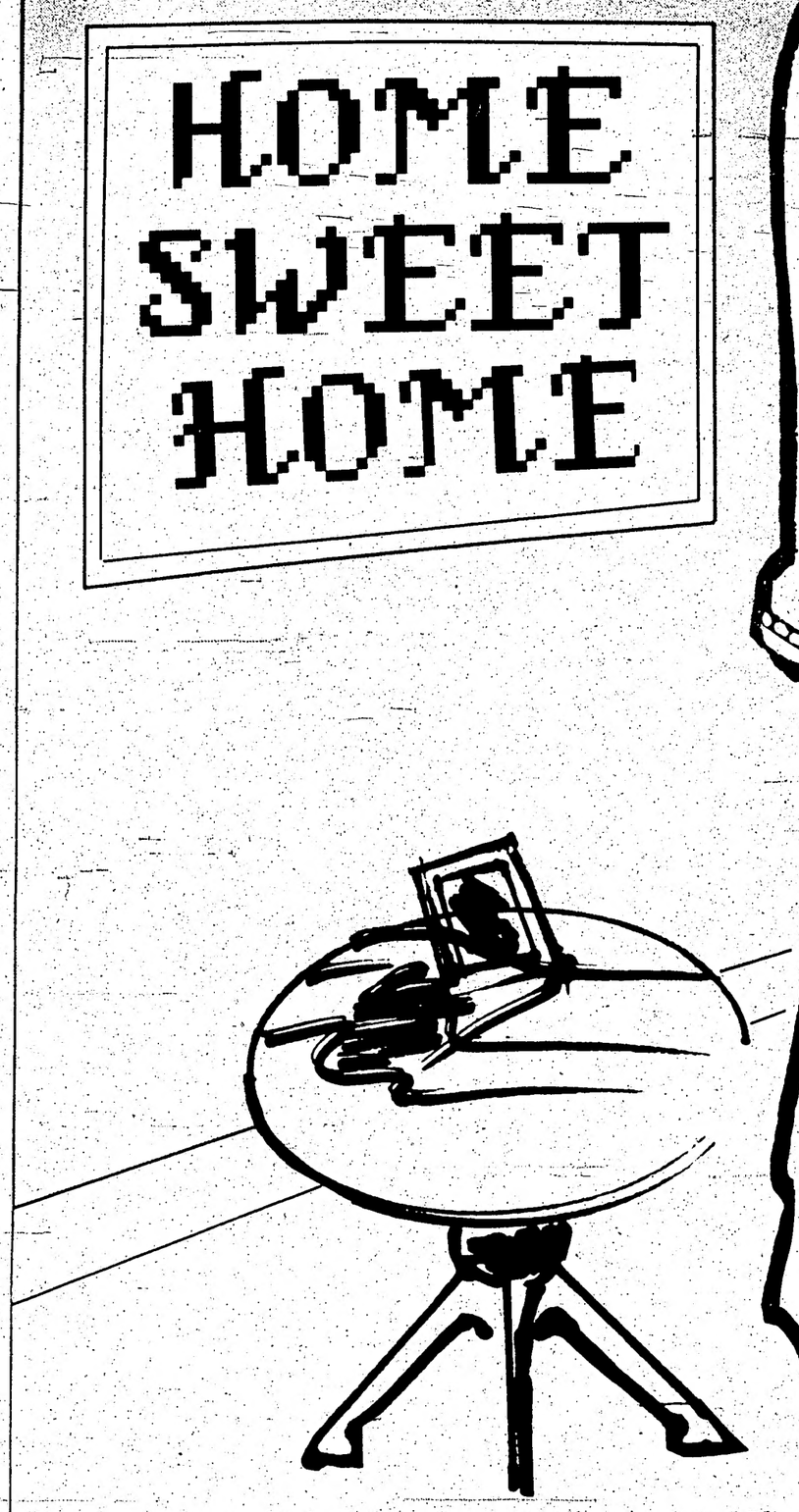

It's back to basics, expert says

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Consumers seem to have swung away from the extravagant spending of the late 1980s and are more basics-oriented. The executive vice-president of the Quebec Furniture Manufacturers Association Inc. notes that home seems to be where the heart is as more people are looking carefully at their disposable income.

Claude Jutras says travel, restaurants and theatres are suffering as home owners are choosing to spend their money on furniture and other home-related upgrades. Jutras attended the recent Toronto Furniture Market held at the International Centre and based on the long list of exhibitors, he was able to point out certain items that are catching the eyes of many who are hoping to spruce up their humble abodes.

So what are many people looking for in furniture?

Leather and printed fabrics are more important than ever, he says, adding that most people find leather appealing because it gives a rich, positive aura to any decor.

He adds that as far as the printed fabrications are concerned, the designs, whether they be flowers or characters, are larger.

One popular item at the show was the gliding rocker. Jutras comments that while the old-fashioned rocker has always been present at the show, it now is making a comeback. This coincides with the back-to-basics theme that is so prevalent in the '90s.

Jutras explains that there are four main markets in Canada — Montreal, Ontario, the West and a basic sector.

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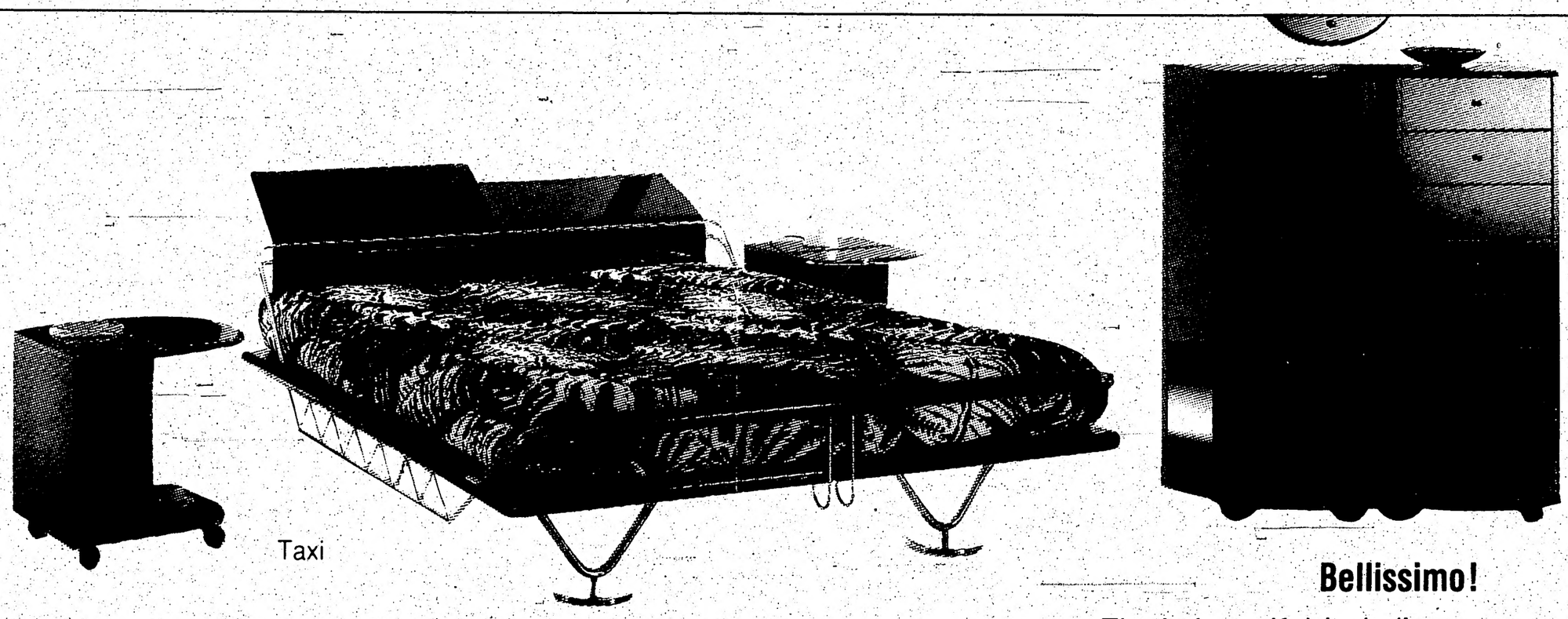

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Ventilation and insulation are factors

Be energy efficient when renovating

Waste not want not is the underlying theme in an Ontario Hydro publication that deals with energy-efficient home renovations.

Experts say that renovations may be one of the best investments homeowners can make.

Some of the areas that must be addressed before any work is started are wiring, ventilation, heating and insulation. Although not as glamorous as whirlpool baths and skylights, these aspects are part of the entire package that make the home efficient and comfortable.

To begin with, when redoing a kitchen, install split receptacles, which are dual electrical outlets with separate electrical feeds to the top and bottom outlets.

Experts say split receptacles will make working in the kitchen much easier as they allow the homeowner to use two appliances — a toaster and kettle, for instance — at the same time.

As far as insulating and ventilating the kitchen, it is a good idea to increase the insulation levels to help reduce heating and cooling costs.

Experts advise that insulation levels must not only meet the Ontario Building Code standards, but also those set by the Canadian Electrical Association.

A good ventilation system goes hand-in-hand with energy efficiency. Installing an exhaust fan vented to the outside of the house helps eliminate smoke and moisture build-up from cooking. Ensure that the flap on the outside of the vent closes tightly.

Proper lighting in the kitchen is essential. Fluorescent lights are four times more efficient than regular incandescent bulbs. Experts say homeowners should consider using them for task lighting over the sink and underneath cabinets to light work areas.

Deluxe cool white fluorescent lights are best for the kitchen because they don't distort colors.

When doing bathroom makeovers, proper insulation is a key factor to comfort. Insulation works best with a vapor barrier installed on the warm side of it — a continuous sheet of 0.15 mm plastic.

It is suggested that foam insulation be wrapped around bathroom pipes, especially those in outside walls. This will help keep them from freezing in winter and will reduce heat loss from the water while it is flowing through the pipes.

To help protect the walls from moisture, it is suggested that home owners use vinyl wallpaper or a couple of coats of good oil-based paint.

Consider using radiant heating for those really cold mornings, experts say. A radiant heater is energy efficient because it doesn't heat objects and people who are close by. By installing a timer, it is possible to have the heater come on just before or right after you shower or bath.

As far as lighting is concerned, even though fluorescent lights are more energy efficient, they are not recommended as the only lighting for the bathroom. Consider a combination of fluorescent and incandescent lighting, each controlled by its own switch.

Experts say that there is an even better new product on the market — a compact fluorescent bulb which combines the warm light, similar to incandescents, with the energy savings and long life of standard fluorescent bulbs.

For those homeowners who are planning to finish a basement in order to create more living space, installing insulation is a must. Basements are one of the main areas of heat loss as most are not adequately insulated.

Experts suggest that before insulating and finishing the basement, repair cracks in the foundation and seal around wiring and plumbing that go through the foundation walls.

If there is a problem with moisture, install a moisture barrier that has an adhesive on the portion of the basement wall below ground.

A moisture barrier is a polyethylene sheet that protects insulation, studding and wall finish from water damage. Also remember to install an air-vapor barrier on the warm side of the insulation.

Installing a working fireplace helps transform a basement into a cozy family room. It not only adds to the enjoyment of the home and its resale value, but with minor modifications it can also be an energy-efficient feature.

Experts say that an ordinary fireplace actually wastes energy because the heated air from the room escapes up through the chimney. Heat loss can be reduced by installing glass or metal doors.

If there are lamps in the basement rather than a permanent ceiling or wall light, install a light switch at the doorway to the room to control the outlet into which the lamp is plugged. This is convenient and reduces risk of accidents.

Standard cool white fluorescent lighting is great for the workbench because it emits light relative to the amount of energy used.

When adding living space, homeowners are to be reminded that the placement of windows can affect their energy efficiency — and at the time of construction, cost may not be affected by their location. In any case, it is much easier to install them in the proper location during construction.

For example, windows with a southern exposure can be a good source of heat in winter. With the right overhang, they can also be shaded from the summer sun.

Experts say that windows should be double glazed at a minimum but even better are the Low Emissivity (low E) windows.

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Low E windows reduce condensation, save on heating and cooling costs and because less sunlight comes through, they help keep furniture from fading.

Exterior doors should have an insulated core and if they have windows, the glass should be double- or triple-glazed. Also, installing a good quality storm door helps save energy and can improve comfort.

Cash in by conserving energy

With the deep cold already upon us, it's an appropriate time to think energy savings. A Consumers Gas press release offers many suggestions that homeowners can use to help save energy.

• Heating accounts for 75 per cent of all home-energy consumption. It's possible to save up to 15 per cent on fuel bills by lowering the thermostat five degrees whenever the house is empty. Automatic timers can be pre-set to reduce temperature at specific times.

• Make sure radiators, space heaters and warm air registers are not blocked by furniture, drapes or wall coverings. There efficiency of radiators can be increased through regular bleeding of excess air. Placing aluminum foil behind radiators (shiny shide up) will reflect more heat into the room.

• Save energy by setting the water heater to a lower temperature. Remember to dial down to the lowest temperature setting before taking a trip. Repair the washers on leaky faucets to save on hot water.

• When the fireplace is not in use, make sure the damper is fully closed. If the unit is rarely used, temporarily seal the damper with rigid insulation glued to plywood and fasten with clear, removable heat-resistant caulk.

• Connect a humidifier to to furnace to keep the home moist in cold weather. One tends to feel colder in dry air than moist because moisture evaporates into the air from skin. With a humidifier, less moisture will be drawn from the skin, making the person feel warmer.

• Weather strip all door frames leading outdoors or to an unheated room. If weather stripping is already in place and there is still a draft, it may be time to repair or replace the frame or weather stripping.

• Seal the home of cracks and gaps both indoors and outdoors with caulk. Check windows and door frames, corners, areas surrounding utility outlets, vents, fans, outdoor faucets, heating ducts, chimneys, fireplaces and the gap between foundation and house. Use waterproof or heat-resistant caulking.

• Check the inside of window panes for frost as this will indicate that heat is escaping and cold air is entering the home. Seal panes with clear plastic sheeting (tack down or use heat-sensitive plastic.) Or, apply clear, peel-off caulking where the window and frame meet, between the space on double windows or wherever leaks and cracks are detected.

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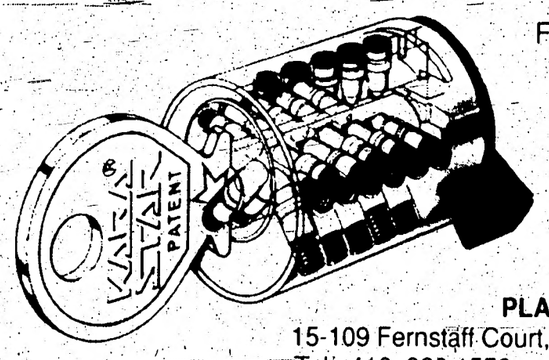

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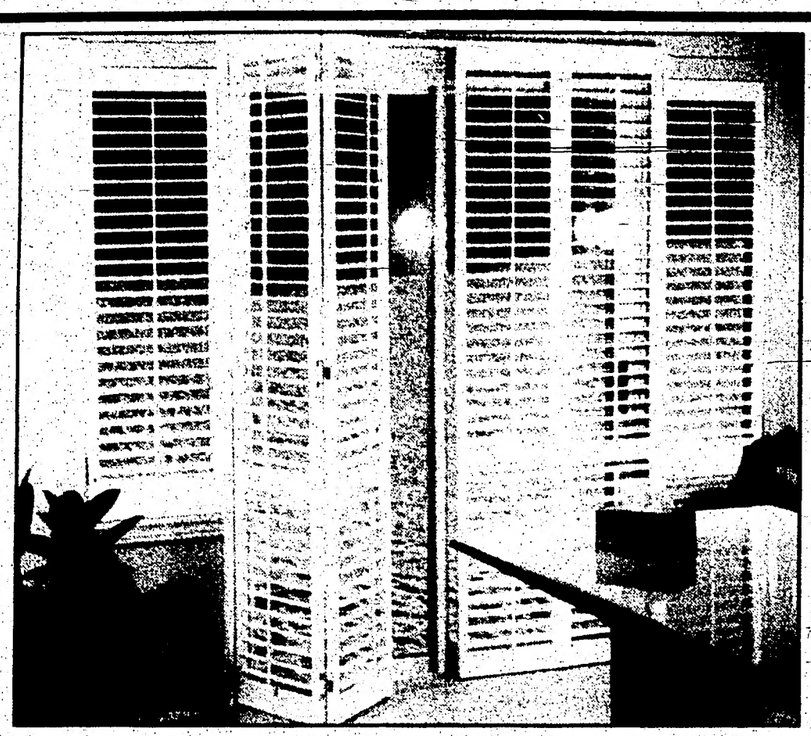

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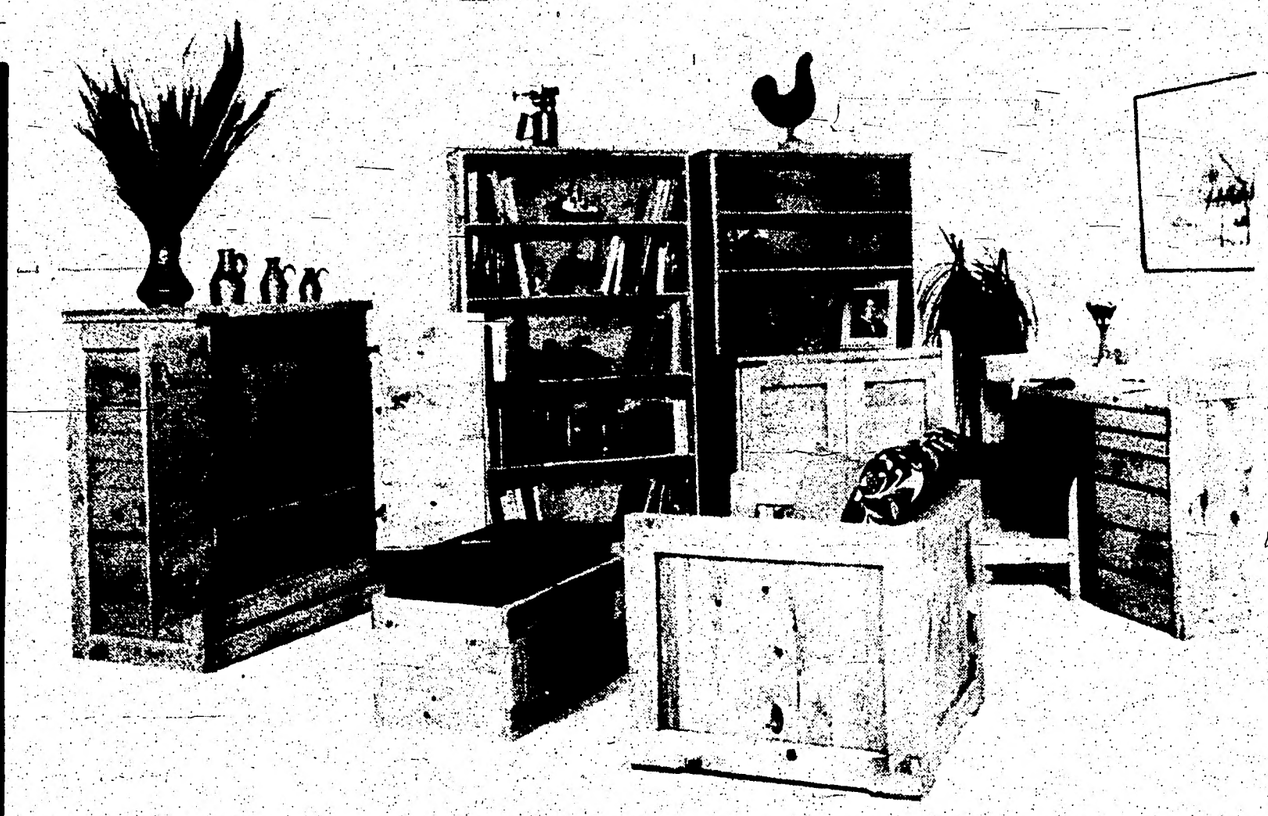

Crate Things is a company that designs and manufactures attractive, sturdy, space-saving furniture.

Rustic furnishings offer consumers opportunity to make space unique

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Homeowners who are looking for unique or unusual items with which they may furnish their space might consider a visit to Crate Things or Willow Art.

Both companies supply different styles of furniture that are gaining in popularity.

Crate Things (849-6672) is an Oakville company owned by Molly Fuller and John Ferrabee. The two saw the unique product line in the United States and decided this type of furniture would fare well in the Canadian market.

Despite the fact that the name of the business says it all, Crate Things supplies all types of furniture — from bunk and trundle beds to love seats and entertainment centres — made out of crates. Although the actual crate is not used, the Eastern white pine designs are structured to resemble crates.

In December 1990, Fuller's four-year-old company was no longer one-of-a-kind in Canada. Those American businesses which originated the idea have entered the Canadian market. Fuller said that although it is too early to assess the damage this competition might have, she hopes it will have "reverse gotcha". She hopes to see Canadians supporting the made-in-Canada products and not those from the States.

Fuller said her line serves a broad cross-section of the population. She said her clients include first-time home buyers, young families who have children moving from the crib to a bed to bunk beds and older couples who want to furnish a chalet or cottage. Some of the designs may also be found in expensively-decorated homes.

Fuller said that although her pieces are priced higher than budget stores, it should not be classified as an up-scale collection.

Crate Thing products can be described as fairly rustic yet sophisticated with clean lines. Ferrabee, the craftsman behind the furniture, can fill an order within three to six weeks. Fuller explained that everything is made-to-order, so a stock of the items is not kept on hand.

Art is revived

Willow Art (539-8484), a Toronto-based company owned by Greg Kay, supplies furniture made from willow twigs. Kay said the recent "twig movement" is a revival of an art popular nearly 100 years ago.

Kay, who previously ran his own carpentry shop, was introduced to the craft when he met John Phillips of Tennessee who has been working there with willow for the past 16 years.

Kay explained that while twig furniture only regained popularity in Canada three years ago, the movement is nearly 20 years old in the U.S. Therefore, Phillips' expertise in the field made him a perfect candidate with whom Kay could apprentice.

Kay said he likes working with the twigs as the wood is not planed and milled-down like traditional material. As well, Kay said that willow has a special spirit. He likes the idea that he can go into the woods, harvest the material and it self-replenishes. Where he cuts one twig, two or three will grow in its place.

He said he is fortunate to work with a natural material that will allow him to make a living and still allows for creative freedom.

Kay admitted that while twig creations are a big change from the traditional carpentry he with which he was involved, it seemed the right thing to do. He cited the environmentally friendliness of the twigs as one reason for the move.

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These rockers, chairs and baskets are just some of the pieces Greg Kay has constructed from willow twigs.

Twig pieces branching out as an artform

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Kay said his most popular item is a mirror that is available in many sizes trimmed with leather and copper. As well, Kay has designed fan chairs, love seats, book shelves, side tables and flower boxes.

Price is another primary focus. Not only does he want to make his pieces available to everyone but he also wants to make them affordable.

The popularity of the craft and the furniture can be seen in the numbers who register for a one-day seminar that teaches people how to make twig art.

Kay said the demand is strong for this furniture. He said he is enthusiastic about the future and he wants to make the public aware of the craft. Kay said the educational aspect is important not only because the twig movement is an integral part of the past, but with the present emphasis on the environment, this type of furniture is more important than ever.

Traditional and modern blend to create new look

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These four divisions follow distinct furniture trends, and as he pointed out, items that sell well in one area, may not flourish in another.

Jutras called Quebec the sounding board for a new piece of furniture. Essentially, he said that if an item doesn't fare well in this market, it may never fly.

Another general trend in the furniture business is the combination of traditional and modern. He says a chair that looks like a Queen Anne will have a modified modern feature to it.

The sectional versus the one-piece couch argument is not only one of personal preference but one that manufacturers use as a marketing tool. This is a selling trend not a decorating trend, he says.

Jutras points out that some buyers like to incorporate a range of different pieces into their decor, while others, because of restricted space, will opt for smaller sectionals.

Jutras says the latest in lamps are the popular ceiling fan lights that are used by many people to conserve energy.

In light of the recent recession, Jutras says there is one advantage for the furniture industry. Because people tend to save during tough economic times, the recession forces many manufacturers to try new ideas.

He says that many new gadgets and attractions are added to entice consumers to buy.

The official figures show that despite the fact that consumer traffic was down (the specific number wasn't released) and trade participation dropped by 13 per cent, sales were up.

"From what I saw and heard while talking to the manufacturers and some retailers during the show, this year's event has been 25 per cent better than last in terms of sales."

Jutras attributes slow sales within the furniture industry to a combination of three factors.

"Certainly the recession is having an effect, but it's a case of which of the three is worse — the recession, the Canadian dollar or the Free Trade Agreement."

Jutras explained that when Canada signed the trade agreement with the United States, the Canadian dollar was worth about 74 cents compared to the U.S. dollar, but now it sits between 85 and 88 cents.

At the same time, once the agreement was signed, the 15 per cent duty American furniture manufacturers had to pay was dropped to six per cent.

Jutras says the effect of these factors means Americans are saving 22 per cent more than their Canadian counterparts without changing anything.

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Contouring and shaping called unusual

Woodworkers create intricate accent sculptures

By
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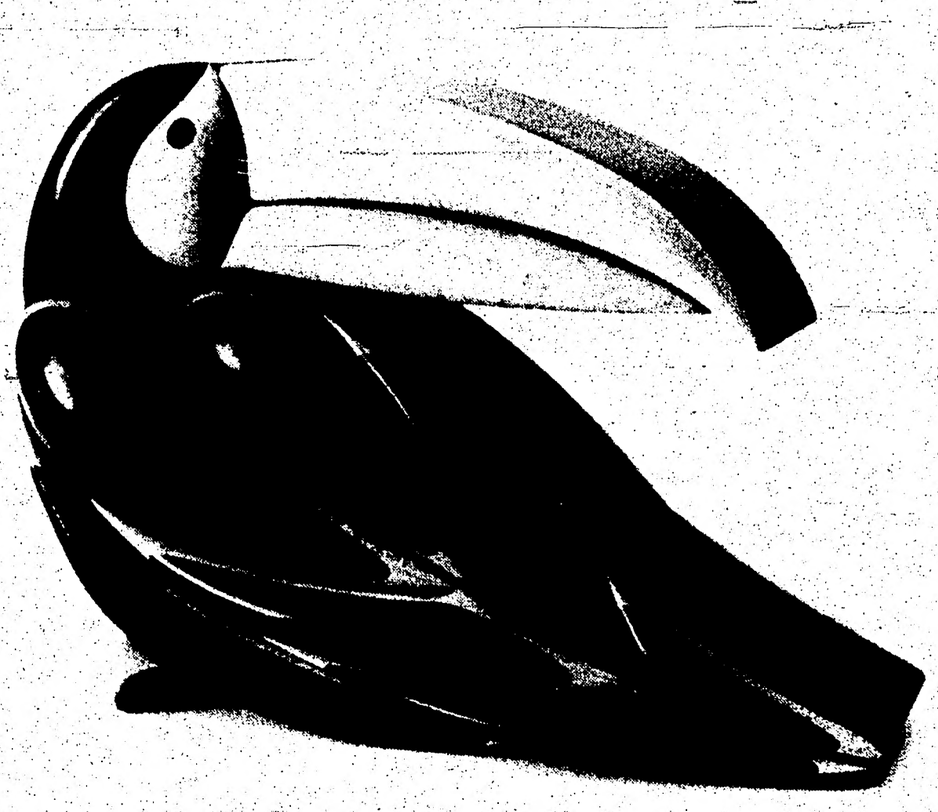

This sculptured wooden toucan is an example of the Bennetts' intricate work. The bird has been designed so that the different colored areas come apart to reveal storage compartments.

Unique in design, the darker wood of the vase houses the inner glass container.

For the past 15 years, a Toronto husband-and-wife team has been quietly establishing a reputation as experts in the art of woodworking.

The question that comes to mind when looking at the work of Pat and Ken Bennett is, are their creations art or woodworking?

They say that despite the answer, the end product has evolved through experimentation, incorporating the techniques of multiple laminations and three dimensional contouring.

The combination of these factors has enabled the couple to create sculptural pieces that captivate the eye and entice the hand to explore.

Mrs. Bennett says the reason why their creations are so different from other wooden sculpture is their background.

"Because our training is in design not woodworking, we tend to see things through a different set of eyes. The contouring and shaping is not what one would expect to see. There is a lot of experimentation."

The unexpected could come in the form of a dove. Using several types of wood, the Bennetts are able to create detail over and above the mere shape of a bird.

In addition to the uniqueness, this art is functional. For example, key feathers on the bird are detachable. When removed, one can see that the body of the bird is an open cavity which can be used to store things. In some instances, the cavity has been sectioned much like one would find in the design of a jewelry case.

The pieces are available in many shapes such as shells, turtles and birds. The Bennetts have expanded their line to include items such as business card holders, letter openers and vases.

They also specialize in custom design and corporate work. They say that with this type of work, the designs are more directed.

Mrs. Bennett says custom clients usually have a specific set of criteria they wish to see incorporated into the piece. However, for the most part, the technical portion of the designing is left to the artists.

She explains that before the work begins sketches or prototypes are done so clients will have an idea of what they are commissioning. However, because the drawings are only two-dimensional, and the finished piece is three-dimensional, the final product is usually different than what was expected.

"In some cases, it's a leap of faith," she said.

Her husband added, "People either really enjoy our things or they don't. Those who call it interesting really don't have any idea what we're all about."

Mrs. Bennett said that they use both domestic and exotic woods. Some of the domestic woods include walnut, black birdseye and curly maple. The exotic types include wood from the rosewood family — zebra wood and black limba.

She says color, graining and quality of the wood are factors that are considered when contemplating a piece. The artists say they never really know what a specific piece of wood will end up being because the character of the material is found inside.

"There is an internal flow to the wood, and some pieces are dictated by the graining pattern. You have to keep an open mind.

Both agree that they have personal favorites for different reason. It could be the combination of woods or the design. Mr. Bennett says that a piece that maybe isn't a favorite on paper will work incredibly well in the physical form.

As far as trends are concerned, both the Bennetts say they are surprised at the acceptance of their work. Mrs. Bennett says that although they were not strong in geometric shapes, clients might prefer designs done in one color as opposed to two or three.

In addition, the influence from the Orient within society is one factor that is echoed in home decorating. Mrs. Bennett adds that another trend will see a particular style that had never done well suddenly become extremely popular.

Although they work out of the home, appointments may be made for those who are interested in a wood sculpture (416) 241-4893.

What kind of appeal do these designs hold?

"Besides the uniqueness, I think it is the wood and the contour and shape of our items. The tactility of the pieces excites the eye and makes people want to touch them," she said.

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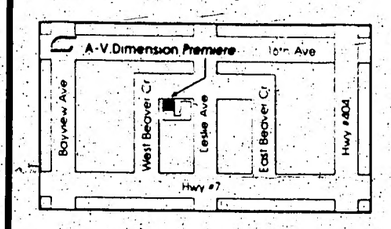

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Kabbalah-based art at Garnet Press until March 9

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The ABLE/Disabled Creative Arts Centre: Sandy Brand, *New Directions*, primarily acrylics in large, semi-abstract format. Through March 9. At 71 McCaul St. (Village by the Grange). 971-5110

Annex Art Centre: *The Seasons*, unconventional Canadian landscapes by Julie Szablowski. Until March 31. At 2B, 994 Bathurst St. 516-0110.

Arnold Gottlieb Gallery: *Ad Hoc*, paintings, impressionistic city scenes by Scott McDermid. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 313. Phone 359-0103.

Art Gallery of Ontario: A major exhibition, *Individualites: 14 Contemporary Artists from France*. To April 27. *French Printmaking of the 18 Century*, Continues to March 17. At 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Arts Cafe: Recent works by Irene Kott. A collection of Canadian and European landscapes in watercolor and other water media. Until Feb. 28. At 173 Queen St. E. 369-1948.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Alistair Bell, drawings and prints from the past three decades. To Feb. 17. Jack Shadbolt, new works. Feb. 19-March 10. At 340 Dundas St. W. 977-060.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Group show including works by Myra Lowenthal and David Wright. Through February. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 304. Phone 364-6181.

The Drabinsky Gallery: Wanda Koop, large works on plywood. Until Feb. 13. Peter Aspell, very colorful, representational oils on matt board and paintings on canvas. Feb. 16-March 13. At 86 Scollard St. 324-5766.

Evelyn Aimis Gallery: *The Geometry Shop*, new works on paper by Ron Gill, in the main gallery; landscape paintings by Edmonton artist Jim Davies, in the lower gallery. Both, Feb. 9-March 9. At 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

Extension, (a print and drawing gallery): Bev Pike, Steve Guthro, Jeff Funnell. To Feb. 13. *Working Drawings*, Canadian artists selected by Catherine Carmichael. Feb. 16-March 13. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 503. Phone 977-5311 ext. 323.

Galerie Beaux Arts: Peter Kitchell, *Planar Sequential Space*, abstract water colors on paper and stretch paper. Feb. 9-March 2. At 2064 Avenue Rd. 322-0995.

Galerie Dresdnere: Gallery artists, featuring paintings and works on paper by Ray Mead, sculpture, John Ivor Smith and paintings on canvas, Kent Jones. 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Gallery Moos: Gallery artists, Jean Paul Riopelle, Jean Arp, Sorel Etrog and others. 136 Yorkville Ave. 922-0627.

Original prints

Gallery One: Darryl Hughto, new paintings. Feb. 9-March 7. At 121 Scollard St. 929-3103.

Gallery Sheila Roth: Original Canadian prints and works on paper. Artists include Sue Rusk, Ghitta Caiserman-Roth, Lillian Vineberg. Also, Inuit carvings from Baffin Island and Northern Quebec. 276 Avenue Rd. 920-0112.

Garnett Press Gallery: Bill Jones, non-representational photo-based artworks with strong Jewish identification, many informed and inspired by the Kabbalah. Feb. 16-March 9. At 680 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Harbourfront: *A Piece of the Action-Everything You Always Wanted Anywhere But Here*, a major installation by Vancouver artist Joey Morgan. At the Power Plant (all over it). Until March 3.

The Inuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: Matthew Akeeya from Baker Lake. To mid-February. Jawbone sculptures from walrus and bear. A group show by sculptors from across the Arctic. 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

The Isaacs Gallery: Dennis Burton, a mixed media retrospective, 1962-1991. Feb. 9-March 1. At 179 John St. 595-0770.

Jane Corkin Gallery: Barbara Cole, black and white photography, personal visions resulting from a trip to India, plus large scale theatrical scenarios. Until Feb. 23. At 179 John St. 979-1980.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: *European Printed Board Games, 17th-19th Century*, continues to Feb. 18. *Geometric Progressions: The Great Domes of Northern and Central Italy*, black and white photography by John Taylor (organized by the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria). Feb. 26-April 14. In Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin. 789-7011.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Dan Goorevitch, drawings and paintings, concentrations in black and white and acrylics on canvas. East and west galleries. To Feb. 28. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Kinsman Robinson Galleries: Collectors' choice of gallery artists. Through February. 112 Scollard St. 964-2374.

Koffler Gallery: Stacey Spiegel, current sculptural work, an installation dealing with the environment and the association between science and nature. Main Gallery. Hagit Cohen, *Hovering at a Low Altitude*, computer generated images. Loggia Gallery. Both to Feb. 25. At 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Robert Berkshire, abstract expressionist works on canvas. Feb. 16-March 9. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 406. Phone 365-9515.

Market Gallery: *Toronto Does Her Bit: The Homefront During Two World Wars*, photographs, paintings, documents and artifacts. To Feb. 24. South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *The cowboy/Indian Show*, an extraordinary exhibition by Canadian Indian artist Gerald McMaster, featuring 16 paintings dealing with timely issues such as Canada's Indian Act and the standoff at Oka. Feb. 10-April 21. Islington Ave., Kleinburg. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: New printworks by Otis Tamasauskas. Large scale collage works and new editions, some executed by the artist at his own printshop in Priceville. At 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

Neo Faber Gallery: John Robinson, glass and multi-media sculpture. Feb. 12-28. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 305. Phone 760-7532.

Photo exhibit

North York Libraries: *Across Romania*, a photo exhibition by Adrian Szasz, Hillcrest Library; Works by portrait painter Vivian Felsen, Pleasant View Library; Also at Pleasant View, *The Courage to Remember*, a Holocaust poster exhibit; Abstract reflections in collage and oil, Yehuda Yordan, Downsview Library. These exhibitions continue through February.

Quan.Schieder Gallery: A group show of gallery artists. Through February. 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

Robert McLaughlin Gallery: *The Beat*, recent paintings by Garfield Ferguson. To Feb. 27. *Round Earth: Imagined Corners*, drawings and paintings by Janet Read. To Feb. 24. *Treasures from the Permanent Collection*, Feb. 21-April 28. *Painters Eleven*, works by the first abstract painting group in Ontario. To March 31. Oshawa Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416) 576-3000.

Royal Ontario Museum: *Wildlife Images in Paintings and Sculpture*, an exceptional exhibition by George McLean, Ken Bunn and Bob Kuhn. On view until March 24. At 100 Queen's Park. 586-5858.

Sandra Ainsley Gallery: Joe Philip Myers, new work, sculpture in glass. Feb. 21-March 31. Exchange Tower 2, First Canadian Place, (Adelaide and York). 362-4480.

291 Gallery: The gallery has moved into expanded space in the same building and opens with *The Power of Paint*, an exhibition of 1990 paintings by William Ronald. (This exhibition is arranged in co-operation with Starkman Fine Arts, Hamilton). To Feb. 20. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 302. Phone 364-5541.

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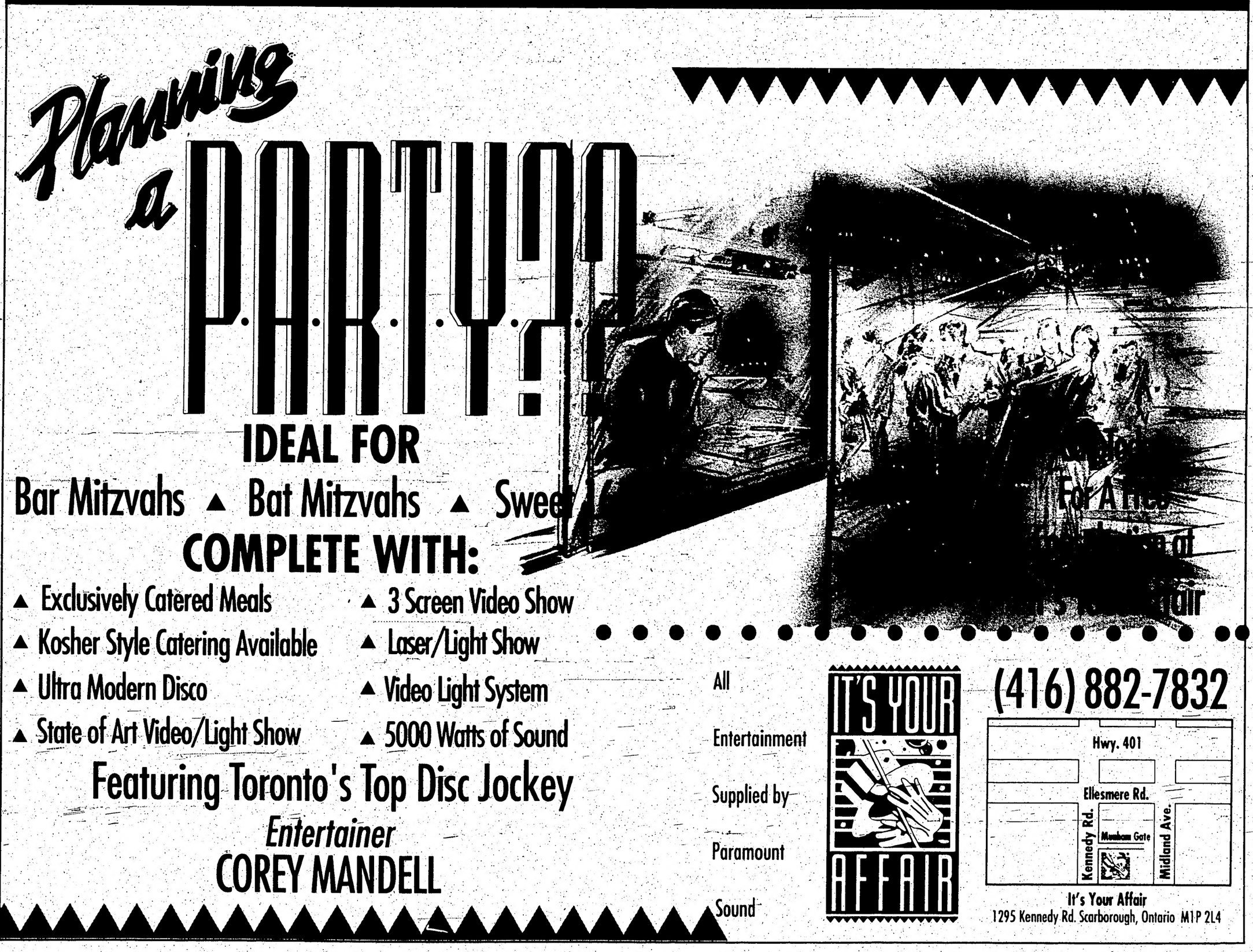

Arts

Parker's period piece packs quite a punch

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Less than three months after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and dragged the United States into the Second World War, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, an infamous and unconstitutional edict which made a shambles of American democracy.

Promulgated as Germany prepared to exterminate European Jewry, Executive Order 9066 allowed the U.S. government to expel some 100,000 Japanese Americans from their homes and businesses and intern them in squalid camps in California, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Arizona.

In almost every case, the internment order affected *American citizens* of Japanese ancestry, who were never proven to have been disloyal. Indeed, Japanese Americans enlisted in the armed forces and distinguished themselves in battle.

It took the U.S. Supreme Court two years to hand down a ruling invalidating the patently unjust proclamation. Many believe that Executive Order 9066 was grounded in racism and issued in a climate of fear and paranoia. It will be recalled that, unlike the Japanese, Americans of German and Italian origin were not arrested and incarcerated on such a mass basis.

Come See The Paradise, Alan Parker's affecting film about that ugly period, dispenses with historical minutiae and focuses on the human cost of the internment.

As evident from his last picture, *Mississippi Burning*, Parker is plainly interested in the dynamics of racism. Yet Parker is not an impartial observer. He feels for the Japanese Americans whose lives were torn asunder. He sympathizes with their plight, so that *Come See The Paradise* is fully engaged with their wrenching predicament.

He shapes it around an inter-racial couple, Jack McGurn and Lily Kawamura, who meet in the Little Tokyo district of Los Angeles and elope to Seattle. Jack (Dennis Quaid) is a Chicago Irishman, a fiery labor lawyer and union organizer who comes to California to escape a past he would rather forget. Lily (Tamlyn Tomita) is a seamstress, a Nisei (second-generation Japanese American) whose traditional family disapproves of her love match.

Come See the Paradise soars to elegiac heights early on as it establishes the mood and the texture of Little Tokyo, a close-knit, rundown neighborhood of ramshackle stores and tenement housing.

Parker, the writer and director, draws a beautiful, sensitive portrait of the Kawamura clan — Lily's father Hiroshi (Sab Shimono), the proprietor of a Japanese movie theatre and inveterate gambler; Mrs. Kawamura (Shizuko Hoshi), whose impassive face conceals a storehouse of memories; and their children, Charlie (Stan Egi), Harry (Ronald Yamamoto), Dulcie (Akemi Nishino) and Joyce (Naomi Nakano).

Jewish viewers whose parents or grandparents are from the old country will empathize with the Kawamuras, as they casually switch back and forth from English to their mother tongue and as they strive to preserve their culture in the face of Americanization.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Come See The Paradise* does not leave any stones unturned in its portrayal of the racism and the double standards that bore down on the fictitious Kawamuras in 1942. Neither does Parker take for granted the innocence of the Kawamuras, using a truck driver and a government official to question the justification for the internment.

Despite the serious nature of the topic, *Come See The Paradise* is not without bounce and good humor. Jake and Alex Parker's Kawamura Family theme score is haunting to the core, while Jim Erickson's sets are superb. The performers, especially Tamlyn Tomita, rise to the occasion.

Parker's decision to tell his story through an intermarried couple is somewhat debatable, since this disgraceful interlude in American history requires no non-Japanese intermediaries. Be that as it may, *Come See The Paradise* packs quite a punch.

BOOK IN REVIEW

Film addicts will lap up Leonard Maltin's 1991 edition of *TV Movie and Video Guide* (Penguin Books, $19.95). Containing succinct entries of 19,000 films, from *Judgment at Nuremberg* to *Gentlemen's Agreement*, this is a book that belongs in any fine library.

Nagler's Perspectives on Disability provides practical, theoretical insights

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Perspectives on Disability, by Mark Nagler. Health Market Research (distributed in Canada by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) paperbound, $55.

Estimates of the number of disabled persons in North America vary considerably, depending on definition. In the broadest sense the disabled include the blind, the hard-of-hearing and the emotionally ill. An often quoted figure is 36 million.

Our society has progressed a long way from the time when infants with disabilities were considered as "monsters" and adults with deviant physiques were regarded as "freaks." Still, the notion of disability as a kind of physical deformity is widespread in all media.

Reform federal laws

Up to 80 per cent of Canada's 1.8 million disabled persons of working age are unemployed or underemployed. Out of sight and out of the economy, they hardly share in the country's political agenda. Recently, however, a parliamentary committee called on Ottawa to review and reform all federal laws and obligations to take into account the concern of Canadians with disabilities.

Widely heralded employment equity programs — steps by employers to give the disabled an equal chance at jobs — are only a part of the answer. If a handicapped person cannot take a bus to work, is not provided with accessible and affordable housing, is not trained for a decent paying job, or is unable to get through a doorway into a building, then such equity programs have little point or meaning.

Perspectives on Disability is a giant compilation of 72 carefully selected articles from a variety of publications. The material is organized into 10 major subject areas such as What It Means to be Disabled, Societal Attitudes About Disability, Social Encounters, Sexuality and Disability, Family Experiences, Legal Issues, and Medical Concerns.

The wide-ranging articles provide theoretical as well as practical insights into the world of the disabled — their hopes, triumphs, problems and struggles.

Mark Nagler, who has had cerebral palsy since birth, is a consultant to the Province of Ontario and the federal government on the problems of the disabled. He is president of the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped which defends the rights of handicapped persons and is associate professor of sociology at Renison College, University of Waterloo. He has also chaired a committee for the disabled on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

A helpful article on sexuality and the disabled suggests that "An obvious disability need not necessarily detract from an individual's desirability. In fact, a disability might even enhance a person's appeal because it is a feature which may contribute to his or her character and distinctiveness. Physical differences provide much of the richness and diversity that adds vitality to life."

"Privileged to triumph"

One of the most inspiring of the pieces is a memoir written by the daughter of a rabbi who was born without a functioning thyroid gland. By dint of remarkable persistance and unremitting family support, she graduated from New York University with a doctorate in German Literature.

She exults, "Tomorrow I will have my PhD. The road was long and sometimes rough, but I did it. I ask myself, would I want to have been spared my disability? No, I wouldn't change anything. My mother's words came back to me: 'You were privileged to triumph.'"

The struggle for understanding and equality for the disadvantaged is slow, but changes and improvements are certain. As one resident in an institution for the mentally ill explains, "A lot of people ask me, what would be the final victory for all people with a mental handicap? It's when the last wall comes tumbling down and we all get to go home, raising our head in victory saying: 'We've got a home now. We're going home . . .' I have this wild dream where I imagine the last wall coming down and all people with a mental handicap in the province marching with a flag of freedom to the provincial government buildings in Ontario and saying to the premier, 'Too bad you lost.' Then they'd all go home and have a real supper."

This splendid work is enhanced by a bibliography of organizations for the disabled in the United States and Canada, as well as useful bibliographical references after each article. Physicians, nurses, social workers, clergymen, educators, caretakers — and the disabled themselves — will find this a valuable, even indispensable work.

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Plot timely for a 1991 revival

COC's Elektra is an electric musical shocker

The Lively ARTS

By FRANK RASKY

You undoubtedly have heard of the Oedipus Complex. Dr. Sigmund Freud, the Jewish father of psychiatry, coined the term after reading the Greek myth about the prince who kills his father and marries his mother. In psychoanalysis, the term now describes a son's unconscious wish for the death of his father and desire for the exclusive love of his mother.

Not so well known is the Electra Complex, the female version of the King Oedipus legend. Also based on Greek mythology, it expresses a daughter's excessive attachment to her father and corresponding hostility toward her mother.

The latter legend is carried to an extreme in *Elektra*, perhaps the goriest of Grand Guignol shockers staged by the Canadian Opera Company (running until Feb. 9 at the O'Keefe Centre, 872-2262).

Audiences were horrified when the Richard Strauss musical melodrama was originally mounted in Dresden in 1909. It was even more grotesque than Strauss's creepy 1908 opera *Salome*, featuring the wicked Jewish princess who climaxed her Dance of the Seven Veils by kissing the decapitated bloody head of John the Baptist.

The lurid plot of *Elektra* is remarkably timely for a 1991 revival; it deals with the destruction of a satanic tyrant, rather like Saddam Hussein, addicted to assassination and blood-bath rhetoric.

The dictator here is the murderous Queen Klytamnestra, who, in league with her lover, has axed to death her husband while he was taking a bath.

Her brooding daughter Elektra, treated like a ragged prisoner in the palace, lives for the day when her young brother Orestes will return from exile and help her avenge the death of her beloved father.

Director Lotfi Mansouri, who describes the opera as "a Greek tragedy seen through the eyes of Freudian psychology," has contributed several vivid theatrical images.

Soprano Johanna Meier sings arias of hate aimed at her murderous mother in the Freudian musical melodrama Elektra at O'Keefe Centre.

Veteran German mezzo-soprano Anny Schlemm is as fearsome in the role of Klytamnestra as Toronto's Maureen Forrester in the COC production of 1983. I particularly like the scene when she hears the false report of the death of Orestes. Brandishing her two canes overhead, the harridan cackles triumphantly like a venomous witch in a Grimm fairy tale.

Johanna Meier, the gifted Wagnerian soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, is equally powerful in the equally crazed role of Elektra. Mansouri builds up suspense by having her dance around Wolfram Skalicki's gloomy courtyard set, stamping on the imagined corpses of her enemies.

As a change of pace, he also wisely has her switch from her ranting arias of hate to a vulnerable pathos as she embraces her returned brother (baritone Tom Fox who was likewise effective as Orestes in the COC's 1983 production).

Does this revival go overboard in its blood-and-guts horrors? Well, grand opera has always depended on grandiose melodrama to achieve its power and passion, and Saddam Hussein has proved that no fiction can measure up to his savagery.

Canadian artist Merkur displays works in Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Canadian artist and printmaker Sharon Merkur, has forged another link between Canada and Israel. Recently, 35 of Merkur's vibrant woodblock, prints and pastels were exhibited at three galleries in Israel.

While studying printmaking at the Ontario College of Art, Merkur says, "after trying etching, lithography and silkscreen, I pretty well fell in love with the process of woodcut — gouging out the wood, the hiss of rolling up the ink and the magic moment of lifting the paper from the print block."

Twice each year, Merkur visits her daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren who live on Kibbutz Ayelet Hashachar in the Upper Galilee. Fascinated by the terrain, Merkur sketches the landscape of the Galilee. When she returns to Toronto, she reworks the notes into multicolored, textured, woodblock prints. This series is titled The Galilee Suite.

She explains that The Galilee Suite, with its whited-out colors is created by the seemingly sudden setting of the sun which is preceded by a deep velvet vista of rolling hills set against a brightened sky. "The sensuality of the landscape always moves me — that October's images have continued clear in my mind's eye."

Although most of the prints in this series were sold out, she would retain one of each in the hope of someday exhibiting in Israel. "Naturally, I am very pleased that I could include these particular works of the Upper Galilee."

On one of her trips to Israel, she was taken to Kibbutz Bar-Am's Museum of Jewish Art were many of Israel's leading artists have exhibited their works. "I was smitten by the quiet charm of the curator, Yoel Nassi, and by the gallery space. I thought that the bright light and the Mediterranean landscape which can be seen through the windows, were a perfect backdrop for my vivid and light-filled pictures."

The Bar-Am location became the first of three shows in which Merkur exhibited her works. They were also exhibited at the Kibbutz Hazorea Museum of Art near Haifa and at the Jack Posluns Cultural Centre of Nes-Ziona.

The Jack Posluns Cultural Centre is a memorial tribute to the late Jack Posluns of Toronto. Along with the gallery, the centre has a theatre, senior citizens drop-in centre, a workshop, as well as an ulpan and music and dance facilities.

At the opening of Merkur's exhibition at the Bar-Am Museum, Canadian Consul Michel de Salaberry, speaking in Hebrew, English and French, described Merkur's works in glowing terms. Other members of the Canadian diplomatic corps attended the exhibit.

The mayor, speaking at the opening of the exhibit at the Jack Posluns Cultural Centre, located in an area which has a growing population of immigrants from the Soviet Union, said he welcomed the opportunity to host a Canadian artist in a building funded by Canadian Jews, "that helps Israeli Jews to settle Russian Jews in the Jewish homeland."

Merkur told The CJN that although it was "somewhat unsettling" for her to be involved in a show "while so much that is scary is going on — nevertheless, it was terrific." She adds that she was "moved" simply to have her works exhibited in Israel. "I was pleased by the many compliments and very touched by the sales, especially to kibbutzniks whose funds are so limited."

Curator Yoel Nassi, Sharon Merkur and Michel De Salaberry at the opening of the show at Bar Am Museum of Jewish Art.

One of Sharon Merkur's many pieces of art work.

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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

Ben Hecht is revealed as literary wit and warrior

By
FRANK RASKY

Ben Hecht

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"The world liked me and gave me all the money I wanted. I always had a lovely time." — **Ben Hecht** in a TV interview with **Mike Wallace** in 1958.

New Yorker magazine film critic **Pauline Kael** once remarked that he wrote about half of all the entertaining movies produced in Hollywood. *New York Times* drama critic **Brooks Atkinson** said that the robust humor that he and his fellow ex-newspaperman **Charles MacArthur** had injected into their hit stage play *The Front Page* made them the overnight Katzenjammer Kids of Broadway.

Hugh Gray, one of the research collaborators he maintained in his literary factories in Hollywood and Nyack, N.Y., saluted him as a "hack of genius." And **Lord Rothermere's** *London Daily Mail* denounced him for his fund-raising activities, during Israel's war of independence, as a "vitriolic Zionist volcano with a touch of the carnival huckster."

But **Ben Hecht** himself (1894-1964) regarded himself as a failed poet and novelist when he looked back at the shining goal he had set in his 1924 essay, *Humpty Dumpty*:

"There's never been anybody like me. When I die, they'll say I was a shooting star. The whole world will watch me passing. I'll leave books behind that'll yell after me."

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Alas, Sic Transit Benny! His 11 novels and two poetry magazines died unmourned years ago. Even his two lively books of memorabilia, *Child Of The Century* and *Gaily! Gaily!*, have long been out of print. And, unfortunately, there's little zestful yelling in the heavy pedantic prose of *Ben Hecht: The Man Behind The Legend* by **William MacAdams** (Collier MacMillan Canada; 366 pages; $34.95).

MacAdams is an academic "cinema scholar," and he writes with the flair of an undertaker. Happily, he's a thorough researcher who has dug out some fresh facts about Hecht's film scenario doctoring, and his ponderous biography comes alive whenever he quotes directly the brassy and sometimes brainy wit of the prince of phrase-makers.

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Benjamin Hecht claimed in a 1920s autobiographical sketch that he had been born in a toilet. Actually, the story-teller, who tended to fictionalize many facts about himself, was born quite conventionally in the Lower East Side of New York. His Russian immigrant parents, **Joseph** and **Sarah**, later moved to Chicago, where they made a miserable living in the garment trade.

But it was here, in America's Gangster Land, that young Ben made a name for himself as the champion picture thief of the *Chicago Journal*. Posing as gas meter inspector, the audacious reporter was peerless at stealing the photographs of murderers, rapists, brides jilted at the altar, and other newsworthy subjects. Hecht's **Aunt Chasa** sewed huge pockets in the lining of his coat to conceal his burglar tools as well as the pilfered pictures.

I was more intrigued to read about Hecht's career as a scenario writer of motion pictures. Hecht was cynical about this so-called new art form.

He was proud only of his ability to squeeze as much as $25,000 per script from Hollywood moguls for churning out "tripe for the masses . . . that required no more effort than a game of pinochle." He went on to downplay his craft: "The movies are an eruption of trash that has lamed the American brain and retarded Americans from becoming cultured people."

Helped rewrite movies

Despite his bad-mouthing, I was astounded to learn that he wrote, or rewrote, often without credit, a colossal output of more than 140 movies. Among them were such classics as *Gone With The Wind*, **Orson Welles'** *Journey Into Fear*, **Alfred Hitchcock's** *Spellbound*, *Notorious*, *Lifeboat* and *Strangers On A Train*, **William Wyler's** *Wuthering Heights*, the first gangster Oscar-winner, *Underworld*, the first screwball comedies, *Twentieth Century* and *Nothing Sacred*, and the James Bond epic, *Casino Royale*.

My own Hecht favorites are genuinely artful cult films written and directed by Hecht: *The Scoundrel*, starring **Noel Coward**, and *The Spectre Of The Rose*, the first ballet movie, choreographed by **Tamara Geva** with an avant garde musical score by the Jewish innovator **George Antheil**.

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I met Hecht in the 1940s, when I was an entertainment writer for the *New York Star*, the liberal tabloid, whose guiding principle, according to the wags, was based on the theme of "man bites underdog." Hecht, a columnist for its even more radical predecessor, *PM*, I regarded as a brilliant conversationalist and a passionate propagandist for the underground Irgun, which had successfully put the 80,000 British troops in Palestine on the defensive.

Though the more temperate Haganah, the official Zionist military group, maligned Hecht as a "penthouse warrior," I admire his nerve when he bought a captured German yacht, which he renamed the *S.S. Ben Hecht*, for transporting Jewish refugees to Palestine. I'm also glad that this biography reprinted Hecht's daring "Letter To The Terrorists Of Palestine," which was published on May 15, 1947 in 15 major United States dailies and picked up by global news agencies:

My brave friends,

You may not believe what I write you, for there is a lot of fertilizer in the air at the moment.

But, on my word as an old reporter, what I write is true.

The Jews of America are for you. You are the feathers in their hats.

In the past fifteen hundred years every nation of Europe has taken a crack at the Jews. This time the British are at bat.

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I wonder how this defiant bugle call for action would be regarded today by peace protestors objecting to Israeli retaliation against Iraqis in the present Gulf War? Or is it possible that history teaches only that history teaches nothing?

When Hecht died of a heart attack at the age of 70, he remained a Jewish literary warrior. In his typewriter, they found the beginning of a manuscript titled *Shylock My Brother*. It was the failed poet's attempt to document historically that Shakespeare was a Jew.

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My tip of the hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to two terrific Toronto choreographers who will be performing their own works at concerts. **Danny Grossman** and his company will present the world premiere of a work featuring the 1950s music of **Ray Charles** and sexy dances such as The Stroll, The Back Slop, Texas Hop and The Chicken Feb. 7 to 10 at the Betty Oliphant Theatre, 404 Jarvis (531-8350). And **Maxine Heppner** will be one of the stars in the Dance Umbrella Studio Series Feb. 10 at Dancemakers' Studio, 927 Dupont St. (360-6429).

Gottfried gets laughs

Leslie Robbins will tell the story of *The Golem Of Toronto* at the 13th annual Toronto Festival of Storytelling Feb. 23 and 24 at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. (924-8625).

Comedian **Gilbert Gottfried**, who has done his oddball stuff on TV's *Saturday Night Live* and *David Letterman Show*, will star Feb. 15 and 16 at the new 200-seat Laugh Resort Comedy Club, 26 Lombard St. (364-5233). Co-owners are **Ellen Wagner** and **Stephen Elias**, who also produce *A Little Night Magic* at Harper's Dinner Theatre, located at the same address.

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I bow out with this exit line from **Armand Hammer**, son of Russian-Jewish immigrants, and known as the 92-year-old billionaire oil magnate who died recently. The biographical *Armand Hammer: The Untold Story* (Little, Brown; 501 pages; $27.95) reveals his version of the Golden Rule enshrined on a plaque in the bedroom of his Los Angeles mansion:

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Montana chairlift provides skiers with a real high

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

BIG SKY, Montana — The big news from Big Sky, Montana is that The Challenger Chairlift will soon open on Lone Mountain to provide steep woodland trails for expert skiers. The $500,000 thriller facility travels to the top of a 10,000-foot high ridge.

The ride takes eight minutes and serves 700 skiers per hour. Until it was built, the huge area was accessible only to skiers who laboriously climbed it. The toughest trail was Mad Wolf.

Snow Country Magazine readers ranked Big Sky second highest out of 10 western ski resorts last year. Ratings were based on overall skiing pleasure, nightlife and apres ski, dining out, and activities besides Alpine skiing.

Big Sky's secluded valley is dominated by lofty, Zermatt-like Lone Mountain. A second mountain, Andesite, also has expert terrain. Two gondola lifts carry skiers from the Mountain Village up the shoulder of Lone Mountain to just above the tree line which feeds excellent intermediate and advanced trails. A short chairlift boosts them higher for access to good open bowl skiing.

Big Sky averages about 400 inches of snow annually. Snow flurries on Lone Mountain are not unlikely in July, but the actual ski season usually lasts until the end of March. From Lone Mountain, there is a dazzling view across the Gallatin River Valley to the 11,000-feet Spanish Peaks' range of the Rockies.

Advanced skiers favor the Ram's Head Chair from the village to the top of Andesite Mountain for steep, mogul-filled bumps. The Elk Park Ridge, rated one of America's 10 best runs by a major ski magazine, is a sparkling wide glade interspersed with trees to cut around.

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In season, they caught trout effortlessly in prolific streams, enjoyed horseback riding over lovely hillside trails, rafted down the Gallatin River, and cross-country skied. It was the ski possibilities that won them over to realizing Huntley's dream of a grand, yet understated, year-round resort.

They acquired two former cattle ranches totaling more than 10,000 acres. Huntley's reputation bought the resort strong support against opposition from environmentalists. They compromised; only 25 per cent of the acreage was to be developed. The rest remains in its natural state.

Big Sky is not totally remote; there's a busy jet airport less than 50 miles away in Bozeman. Nevertheless, it's in deep enough wilderness country to be the habitat of animals as big as moose and as small as chipmunks. It's not uncommon for a moose to cross a skier's path. There are also bear and bighorn sheep to be seen at a distance.

Big Sky has a double personna. Its winter activities centre around the Mountain Village, at the foot of Lone Mountain, adjoining the Huntley Lodge and ski lift facilities. Meadow Village, six miles down the mountain, is scattered with small homes clustered around a golf course and a riding stable. Mountain Village is particularly well organized, with an attractive indoor mall within distance of the lodge.

There are about 15 restaurant choices from cafeteria meals to expensive dining in the area. Most recommended is the main dining room of the Huntley Lodge, for the awesome ambience of huge ceilings and windows, service and cuisine.

Chet Huntley's desire to make his lodge a year-round resort has been realized with diverse summer activities such as tennis, fishing, horseback riding and water-rafting. Short or long excursions are optional.

One can ride a horse for an hour or a day or can water raft for half or a full day. The Gallatin River offers its share of thrills but there are also satisfactory breathing periods. Excellent guides make it possible for both youngsters and oldsters to share the adventure with pleasure.

The Adventures Company allows such combination trips as kayaking or rafting and mountain bike riding.

Big Sky is located 43 miles south of Bozeman's Gallatin Field on U.S. Highway 191 and 18 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. Daily jet service into Bozeman is provided by Delta, Northwest and Continental.

For more information, contact Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort (406) 995-4211; Adventures Big Sky (406) 995-2324.

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PLAINFIELD, VT —

The assumption that emotionally challenged adults deserve and benefit from vacations forms the basis for the unique Vermont Summer Vacation program developed by the Spruce Mountain Inn in Plainfield.

"Emotionally challenged adults often must work extraordinarily hard to keep themselves functioning fully at jobs, in their homes, at their halfway houses or day programs," says Spruce Mountain's assistant director, Edwin Levin, "and they deserve a break."

The Vermont Summer Vacation for emotionally challenged adults is a natural outgrowith of the Spruce Mountain Inn program, a very successful year-around residential program that works to support independent living that was established in 1982.

Clients and their families, in fact, were among the first to suggest this vacation-style experience that would be structured, supportive, and most of all, fun. "Clients wanted vacations like everyone else," says Levin, "and some of their families needed a respite and time for their own vacation as well."

For one week, July 21 to July 28, at Bolton Valley Resort in Vermont's Green Mountains, the staff of the Spruce Mountain Inn have planned a summer vacation that includes sight seeing, good meals, hiking, swimming, fishing, and watching sunsets in a setting that can be enjoyed by emotionally-challenged adults.

Between 20 and 30 adults are invited to stay at Bolton Valley Resort, a four-season, destination ski and summer resort that has earned national acclaim as a family ski resort in the winter and an exceptional golf and tennis resort in the summer.

Spruce Mountain vacationers stay in some of the 120 deluxe condominiums located steps from the resort's indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, fishing pond, streams, restaurants, whirlpool and hiking trails.

Special to Spruce Mountain guests at Bolton Valley, will be the supervision received. Spruce Mountain guests will share deluxe condominium units with between four and six people, depending on the size of the unit. All units will be close to one another and have, within the cluster, professional staff who will be available all day.

Spruce Mountain guests will eat together in the resort's restaurants, enjoy scheduled activities and have ample free time to relax and enjoy the resort's amenities. Outings may include day trips to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, the Shelburne Museum and Lake Champlain.

Bolton Valley Resort, with its self-contained village is nestled high in Vermont's Green Mountains just 7 kilometers from Interstate 89, midway between Burlington and Montpelier. The resort is known in the summer for its 1,000 blooming bedding plants.

The supervisory Spruce Mountain Inn staff will be augmented at the resort by three staff people who together have over 50 years of experience working with emotionally-challenged adults. Betty Berman, among them, holds a masters degree in counseling and has 14 years in the travel industry working with the special needs of travelling senior citizens.

For more information about this new program, and the appropriateness of this Vermont Summer Vacation for emotionally challenged adults, call Edwin Levin at (802) 454-8353.

Tucson prepares to host arts festival

TUCSON —

This winter there is another reason to visit Tucson, Ariz. Besides the radiant sunshine, and many outstanding attractions, activities and resorts, Tucson will be hosting the Festival in the Sun, Feb. 17-March 10. This ambitious new celebration of the arts will feature world premieres in music and dance, major international stars and a truly eclectic array of artistic entertainment.

"Festival in the Sun is designed not only to spotlight international stars but also to showcase the rich cultural and artistic heritage of Tucson and the Southwest," said A. Alexandra Jupin, executive director of Festival in the Sun.

Sponsored by the University of Arizona, this unique arts fiesta also provides scores of opportunities to meet the artists offstage and in the community.

Classical music highlights include a week-long tribute to Mozart by his hometown orchestra from Salzburg. The "Mozarteum" will present the American premiere of "Reflections on Mozart Themes." Other classical performances include virtuoso violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, the innovative Kronos Quartet, Steven Lubin and the Australian Youth Orchestra.

For jazz lovers, the festival offers the first American concert by Kangsadan: Cresent Moon Orchestra of Thailand, the world premiere of a new work by jazz great Billy Taylor and the salsa jazz of Eddie Palmieri.

Dance perfomances range from the experimental to ethnic and include traditional Mexican dances of the Ballet Folklorico Quetzalli De Veracruz.

Tucson artists participating are The Arizona Theatre Company, Ballet Arizona, Invisible Theatre, Tucson Symphony Orchestra and others. In addition, the visual arts will be showcased in exhibitions and galleries throughout the city.

Festival in the Sun opens Sunday, Feb. 17 with a free all-day Cavalcade of Arts. This family arts fiesta features non-stop music and dance performances by Southern Arizona's top entertainers on three outdoor stages, plus scores of free interactive arts activities on The University of Arizona mall.

Many events will be free and ticketed performances will be priced from $10 to $29. For more Festival in the Sun information write: Festival in the Sun, University of Arizona Office of Cultural Affairs, 800 E. University Blvd., Ste. 110, Tucson, Ariz., 85719.

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Israel probing economic effects of missile attacks

By
ALISA ODENHEIMER
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TEL AVIV (JPFS) —
In the wake of the Scud attacks, the government now is struggling with the question of if and how to deal with the economic devastation that continues to mount.

Pressure from the private sector on the government to "do something" is intensifying, as the economy reels from the effects of the Gulf war. Retail sales continue to plummet, construction is at standstill, tourism is virtually non-existent, and the export-import climate is worsening daily.

While many experts say there is the little the state can actually do to reverse the damage, government is beginning to investigate how it can alleviate the financial pain.

Senior Finance Ministry officials met last week to establish a task force to look into possible approaches to the problem. And the Knesset Finance Committee had scheduled a meeting to examine the issues.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Industry and Trade has proposed that the Finance Ministry establish an emergency fund to help small business with cash-flow problems stemming from the emergency situation.

To further help small business, the Trade Ministry suggested postponing payment of all tax payments throughout the emergency and extending deadlines on bank-loan repayments.

However, these suggestions have been met with scorn at the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel.

"In Israel, everyone knows how to ask for money when the going gets a little tough," said a Bank of Israel official.

"At present, we have no indication that the situation has reached critical proportions."

But figures gathered by the Chamber of Commerce indicate that sales in such sectors as electronics, household products and textiles have plunged 80 per cent since the war.

As sales plummet, wholesalers and suppliers are reporting cancelled orders, payment difficulties and bad checks.

The Chamber of Commerce predicts the difficulties will worsen in February, based on the fact that a large number of wage and other payments are due at the end of the month.

The banking sector, meanwhile, has voluntarily moved to ease the credit crunch.

Israel's First International Bank is offering customers a basket of services under the slogan "... and until it's over ... International will help." The basket includes postponement of loan repayments for a period of three months.

Bank Hapoalim has announced that some business clients may borrow up to $25,000 (U.S.) in monthly installments over a three-month period.

Some Bank Leumi commercial customers will be eligible to receive credit of up to $30,000 (U.S.) in monthly installments, over a period of up to four months. The interest on the loan is the prime rate plus five to six per cent per annum, depending on the customer.

Trade commissioner to Canada reports:

Israeli industries fulfill export duties

TORONTO —
It's business as usual for Israeli foreign trade, the Israel Economic Mission to Canada says.

Trade Commissioner Benjamin Noy says the Mission has been informed by the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade that all industries are fulfilling their export obligations and there is no shortage of raw materials.

For instance, the Diamond Information Centre of Ramat Gan reports that after a work stoppage of almost a week because of the missile threat, the manufacturing plants are producing at full capacity and export activities are operating at a normal pace.

The Ministry says all promotions of Israeli exports abroad — including participation in international exhibitions — will go on as planned.

Noy says the Israeli government has temporarily abolished a lot of the red tape to facilitate foreign trade. For instance, to transfer money to a foreign supplier, one had to present the orginal document to the bank. Now, the Bank of Israel will accept facsimilia and electronic mail. As well, mail services have been reorganized and now are more dependent on El Al.

He stresses that there has been no threat to the Israeli economy. The international and American banking facilitates the operation of the international business and financial community.

Israel's foreign reserves are by far higher than necessary and have surpassed $5 billion (U.S.), he says, adding there has been no withdrawals of any foreign deposits from Israel.

Noy says the Ports and Shipping Authority has announced that all ports are fully operative. There has been a minimal number of cancellations and regular shipping lines are operating under their usual schedule.

Air freight flights to and from Israel are scheduled as usual with no additional charge, Noy reports. The insurance fee is according to El Al's regular rate. As well, three Israeli airlines (El Al, Arkia and CAL) are adding additional flights when necessary to close in the gaps caused by the foreign companies that have cancelled flights in the Middle East.

Noy says the Israeli Property Tax Authority has announced that it insures export and import consignments as well as aircraft and maritime vessels against war risk damages under specific guidelines.

For specific information, contact Israel Economic Mission to Canada at 961-1242.

Gulf crisis halts 1990's sharp rise on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By
GALIT LIPKIS

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —
Brushing aside the debilitating effect of the Persian Gulf crisis on share prices in 1990, Tel Aviv Stock Exchange chairman Haim Stoessel last month characterized that year as one of expanded trade.

Speaking at a traditional year-end press conference, Stoessel also suggested the government reconsider the capital-market reforms it launched in September — including taxes on capital gains — and give higher priority to encouraging private savings.

"The Persian Gulf crisis, in August 1990, halted the positive development which characterized the bourse during the first seven months of the year. But the annual summary shows that 1990, a year of renewed growth for the Israel economy, was favorable to bourse companies and the bourse."

Figures provided by the TASE showed that, in real terms, share prices fell about two per cent in 1990. Share prices gained 25 per cent in the first seven months of the year, but with the start of the Gulf crisis, the market registered sharp falls.

Turnover, however, climbed sharply in 1990 to reach a record high level of $5 billion (U.S.), about 58 per cent higher than in 1989, in dollar terms.

The bond index fell six per cent in real terms following three years of successive high gains and a record rise of 15 per cent in 1989. Turnover also declined, totalling NIS 9 billion — approximately 21 per cent off the previous year, in real terms.

Reduced activity

The declines did not come as a surprise, after the last few years of sharp gains in prices, which caused the majority of bonds to have negative net yields on redemption.

Furthermore, the drop was blamed on investor fears that the government will have to dramatically increase the capital it raises on the exchange in order to finance the absorption of immigants and improve the business sectors.

While the political developments in the second half of the year increased the market uncertainty and reduced activity, there was a sharp rise in capital raised on the exchange. The capital raised in shares and convertibles amounted to $480 million (U.S.) compared with $371 million (U.S.) in 1989, while the amount obtained from new bond issues totalled $800 million (U.S.) as against $470 million (U.S.) the previous year.

The government's privatization program continued in 1990, with the public offering of Bezek shares for $77 million U.S. While the offering represented the largest-ever share offering on the TASE, Stoessel voiced disappointment with the government's progress.

He said he doubts foreign exchanges and investors will fill the breach in the privatization program unless the Israel public and the TASE have investments in the companies offered.

Amendment passed

"Unfortunately, I must assert that not enough has been done in central areas of the privatization program: the arrangement bank shares have not yet started to be traded on the bourse, despite the agreement that was reached with the owners on amalgamating the capital.

"The public's holdings in Dead Sea Works have not increased and no steps were taken to register Israel Chemicals Ltd. or any other government company on the bourse."

Stoessel said the most important event for the capital market occured at the end of the year, when the Knesset passed Amendment 11 to the Securities Law, redefining the bourse's fields of activity, equalizating voting rights in bourse-traded companies and adjusting maintenance regulations.

TASE managing director Yossi Nitzani highlighted the intense efforts of the exchange to upgrade its computerized trading, clearing and settlement, and data bases.

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Business Outlook

Company president honored for innovations

Carpet firm responds to consumers' need to cocoon

TORONTO —

As the 9 to 5 pace heats up in a swirl of telephones, faxes and freeways, more and more Canadians are turning the home front into a refuge — personal and comfortable.

"In response to what the experts call Canadians' desire to cocoon, there's a new trend emerging in home decor," said the president of Elte Carpets.

"There's a move away from cold, stark and hard-edged surfaces and an embracing of the feel of kinder, gentler times, with a nod to 19th century Europe and rustic American Country," said Fred Metrick, who was recently named Canada's Innovative Retailer of the Year by the Retail Council of Canada.

Stacks of pictures are being dug out of cupboards to fill formerly unadorned surfaces; tables are dressed and draped in floral fabrics; flowers have broken free of belabored bouquets into loose, informal sprays, patterned upholstery and wallpapers mix freely; and rugs and carpets are playing a more dominant role — emerging from pale pastels to strong, definitive earth colors — setting a strong anchor for any room.

Elte, a single destination store located at 80 Ronald Ave. (near Dufferin Street and Castlefield Avenue), has captured this new concern with warmth and sense of history in a stunning selection of rugs and broadloom.

The spirit of the French countryside is felt in Elte's selection of needlepoint and floral rugs in warm earth tones such as olive green, russet brown and rich cream. Accents of cranberry and coral are set off by touches of yellow — the difinitive new decorating color.

While noble Parisians luxuriated in the comforts of 19th century France, men and women were opening the American frontier.

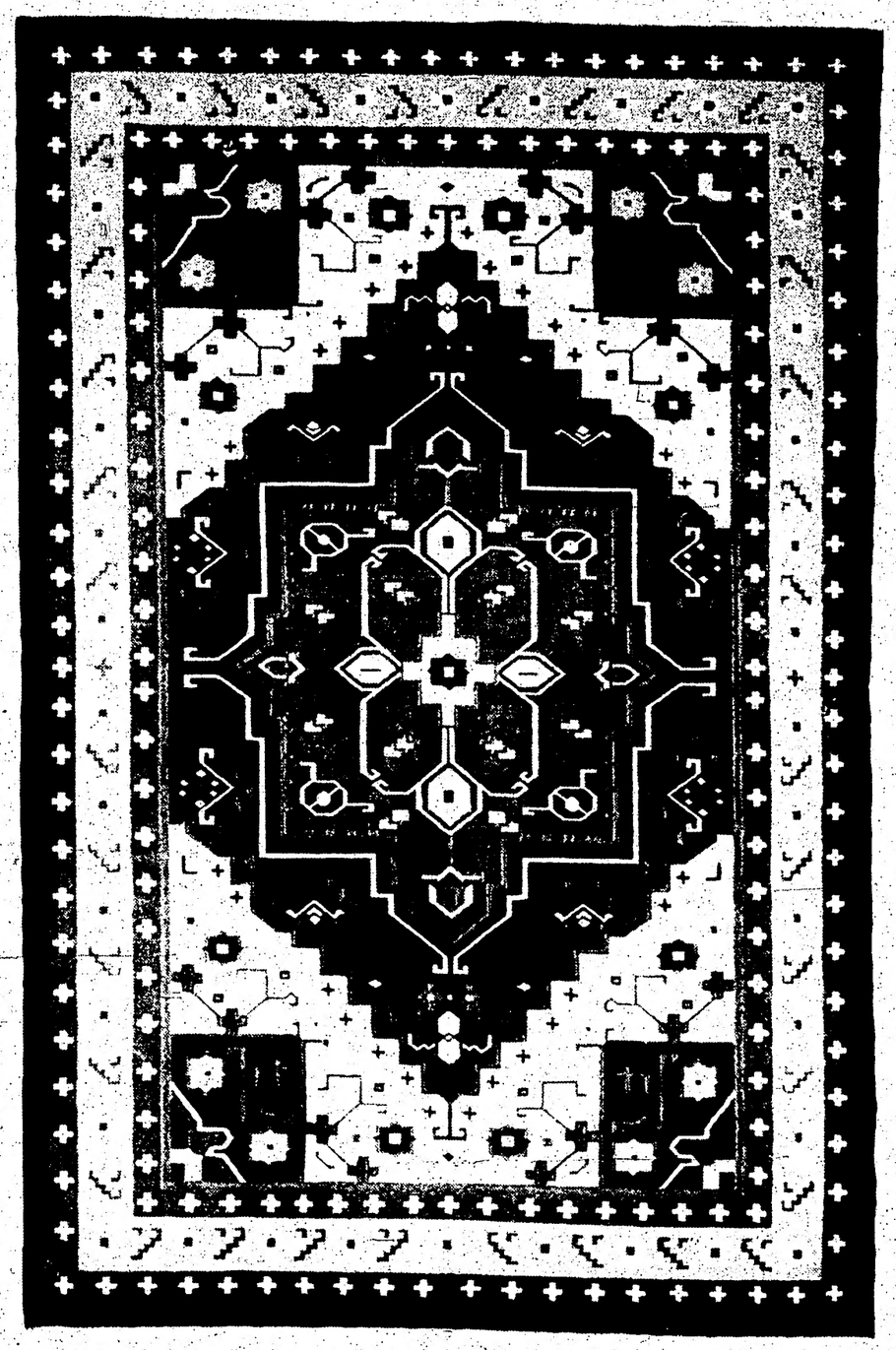
The rustic warmth of the American country and the exotic beauty of its Mexican neighbor are found in Elte's unique, antique-finish dhurries.

In shades of prairie yellow, western sky blue and grasslands green, these 100 per cent cotton rugs have been pre-washed and faded to give an authenic Adobe feel.

From the plains of the South West to the mountains of Central Asia — Elte's Nepalese and Tibetan rugs are classics. In rich oxblood reds and midnight blues with gold highlights, these rugs have a romantic, nomadic feel.

One of the benefits of the new era of glasnost is the emergence in the West of traditional Russian art. Elte has brought home a rare selection of 100 per cent wool Russian carpets. Already the toast of New York, these rugs show an Old Country charm in dense, geometric patterns and rich claret reds.

The warmth and comfort extends to broadloom as well. Elte's residential and commercial broadloom selection reflects the new preference for pattern and texture in sculptured surfaces, patterns on patterns, pin-dots and minute florals. Colors reach from a forest of greens to striking mauve.



Elte Carpets captures the rustic trend with its collection of Dhurrie rugs.

Elte Carpets Ltd. was founded in 1919 in France by Leon Tenenbaum. It was a thriving Paris carpet business — Leon's initials L.T. form the root of the firm's original name, Establissements Elte. Were it not for World War II, the Tenenbaums would have gladly remained there. However, in 1940, just three days before Hitler's invasion of Paris, the Tenenbaums fled to unoccupied southern France where they remained until 1942, when they left for Portugal.

In 1944, the family embarked for Canada aboard a neutral Portuguese ship. In the middle of the Atlantic, the ship was intercepted by a German U-boat. The passengers were forced to disembark in high seas and spent the night in lifeboats not knowing if they would be allowed back on the ship. Happily, the next morning, an order was issued to reboard and the passengers continued their journey safely to Toronto.

Canada was to have been a temporary home for the Tenenbaum's who looked forward to returning to France following the war. However, Leon fell in love with Canada and decided to make it the family's new home.

In 1944, he opened the first Elte Carpets on Bay Street. It was well received and the business flourished.

In 1952, his daughter married diamond merchant Fred Metrick. That same year, Tenenbaum died. Metrick was brought in to help out the family with the business.

Post-war Toronto provided excellent economic and business opportunities. Scores of Second World War immigrants settled there, and the economy skyrocketed. The demand for Elte carpets grew as thousands of new homeowners sought out luxurious furnishings.

Recently, one of the new services the company is offering to customers are free-of-charge seminars at F.S.U. — the University of Fuzzy Side Up. These sessions are how-to seminars that demonstrate to customers the kind of selection and care that is involved in taking proper care of carpets.

Today, the drama and shocking contrasts of modern art explode in vibrant colors at Elte Carpet's new Museum of Modern Rug. Spectacular reproductions of works done by some of the world's most prominent contemporary artists are displayed.

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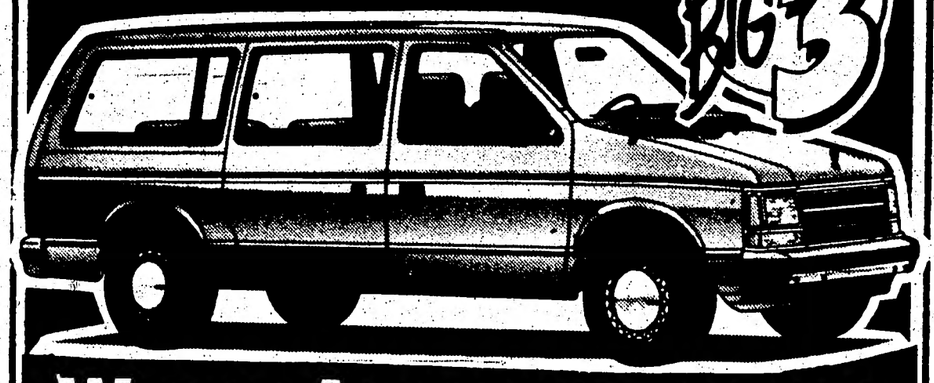
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Fashion venture launched

By
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TORONTO —

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Fashion Fanatics is a new fashion marketing experience that has been taking place at the St. Lawrence North Market.

From midday to midnight once a month more than 40 new Canadian designers display and sell their fashions to the public.

This new project is co-sponsored by the City of Toronto and organized by the Toronto Centre for the Promotion of Fashion Design, the home of Fashion Incubator.

The brainchild behind the market is Sarah Burren-Nolan, one of the new designers featured in the 1990 City of Toronto's New Designer Show at the Festival of Canadian Fashion.

With a New Zealand upbringing and European experience under her belt, she has been instrumental in recognizing the new designers' need for greater market exposure, says the general manager of Fashion Incubator.

Carol Outram says that in soft economic times, retailers are reluctant to try out untested merchandise. This creates a catch-22 situation for new designers who must prove themselves and break through these restrictive barriers.

For a long time the new designers of Toronto have been searching for a marketplace in which to try out their fashion ideas, put them up for sale, talk to the public and receive feedback as well as cash. In short, this provides the designers with an opportunity for market testing, Burren-Nolan said.

She added that the performance and turnout has been good. She said that while the last event saw 1,300 people through the door, the organization needs more exposure. A limited budget means limited advertising and the organization is depending primarily on word-of-mouth to tell people about Fashion Fanatics.

Fashion Fanatics is a not-for-profit enterprise; booth space is available to participants at a minimum cost with income being generated from the $2 entrance fee.

Outram added that Fashion Fanatics is a truly exciting idea, reflective of the talent, energy, initiative and relentless dedication of Toronto's new fashion designers and entrepreneurs. The talent is here, they are determined to be successful, she said.

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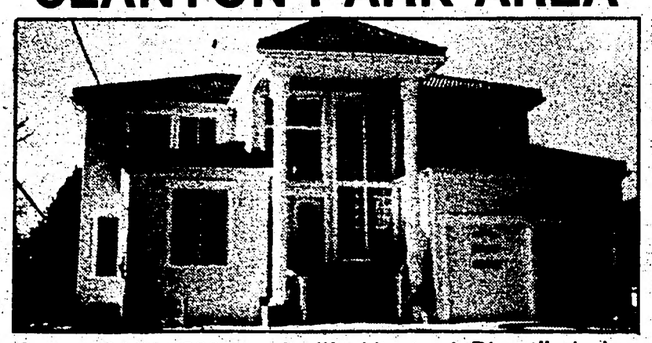

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Jewish day school committee working to improve education

TORONTO — The Learning Consultants' Committee (LCC) of the Toronto Jewish Day Schools has announced that it is moving full speed ahead into the 1990s with a new forward-looking energy and perspective.

The LCC was formed three years ago to address issues of professional development pertinent to educators in the Jewish day school system. At the time of its formation, the original founders, including Joan Borchiver Blidner (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto), Hazel Dick (Bialik Hebrew Day School) and Elaine Rubinoff (She'arim Hebrew Day School), foresaw a committee that would benefit the day school system by fostering greater contact between remedial specialists, principals, and guidance counsellors in the various schools.

Members of the LCC hoped to strengthen the connection between the primary, intermediate and senior panels and, above all, to work with both teachers and students to enhance the quality of education in all the schools involved.

The LCC has drawn representatives from 10 schools and agencies. These include United Synagogue Day Schools, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Leo Baeck, Associated, Bialik, She'arim, Eitz Chaim, Netivot HaTorah, Bais Yaakov, Jewish Vocational Services, and the Board of Jewish Education.

Professional growth

At the heart of this group's philosophy is the notion of collaboration — members see each other as resources for professional growth. LCC members have conducted their own workshops on such issues as metacognition, study skills and co-operative learning.

Through the efforts and initiative of Esther Gold of USDS, chairman of the committee for 1989-90, well-known guest speakers have become a regular part of the LCC agenda. Such the LCC agenda. Such professionals as Doreen Kronick, Shelagh Ostrosser (Friendship Village), and Beth Feffer (Jewish Family and Child Service) focused on issues relating to learning differences and social skills.

Debbie Minden spoke about educational assessment and Mark Wilchesky, of York University, directed the group's consideration of the accommodation of the learning disabled student in a mainstream educational institution.

"It's truly exciting to find yourself in a community of educators who share the same concerns and are dealing with the same problems," said Karen Friedman of Leo Baeck Day School, and a member of the committee. "The committee gives us a chance to trade ideas and to find out about innovations people are trying out at other schools, or in the world of education at large."

For further information please contact Joan Borchiver Blidner, chairman of the Learning Consultants' Committee for 1990-91, at 636-5984.

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Judaica art shop closes doors after seven years

By GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — Torontonians in the market for Judaica art recently had their choices severely limited — to travelling elsewhere.

Dorion Liebgott, owner of Dorion Fine Judaica, last week closed the boutique she had opened in 1984 in a plaza at Bathurst and Eglinton.

Liebgott told The CJN the GST coupled with the recession was the final straw in a specialized business already operating on a small margin.

She called the new Goods and Services Tax which replaced the old Federal Sales Tax on Jan. 1 "more of a psychological barrier than the actual increase. Certainly for the next year, people will be wary, only buying what they need rather than things which are special."

Liebgott said she preferred not to change from a gallery working with artists to a store selling mass-manufactured goods. Items in her boutique had ranged from a $10 bookmark from the Brooklyn Museum to a $2,500 hand-crafted sterling silver menorah.

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The UJA office has been overwhelmed with calls from concerned individuals wanting to show support and solidarity with the people of Israel.

We are therefore writing to inform you of Toronto's official community campaign response.

As requested by the Government of Israel, United Jewish Appeal worldwide has undertaken to provide immediate cash assistance at this most difficult time. For Toronto Jewry this means the following:

- The top priority is to increase cash flow to Israel by asking all contributors who have unpaid 1990 or prior pledges to pay immediately.

- All contributors are being asked to make early payments on 1991 and Exodus pledges.

- At this time we are not asking for new pledges. Any payments beyond regular commitments are of course most appreciated and will be forwarded immediately to Israel.

The Israeli economy has been damaged by the war. Government funds are being withdrawn from many social service budgets to assist in defence costs. If additional cash is not provided through UJA, these dollars will not be replaced and services will be cut.

The 200,000 new immigrants of 1990 have already been joined by over 12,000 Soviet and Ethiopian Jews this January. Israel now faces increased aircraft insurance costs for these freedom flights of nearly $100,000 (US) per day. Security costs of over $500,000 (US) per month are also being incurred at absorption centre facilities.

The costs were already great. Now they are overwhelming.

Toronto Jewry has always responded in times of crisis. If you have outstanding pledges, please pay immediately. If you have already paid, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Paul Morton Judy Scheininger

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A PERSONAL ACCOUNT FROM INSIDE ISRAEL

MANY OF US HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN ISRAEL. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM A RECENTLY RETURNED VISITOR TO ISRAEL POIGNANTLY EXPRESS EMOTIONS THAT FACE ISRAELIS ON A DAILY BASIS...

January 30, 1991

"It was a deeply troubling trip. Israel is at war and the front is everywhere in the country.

Every man, every woman, every child, every infant is a soldier waiting for the order to move to a shelter; waiting for the rockets to come; waiting for the explosion; finally, waiting for the all-clear signal.

As visitors, we could hardly claim to have experienced the terror of those who have been in their "sealed rooms" nearly every night since January 17. Nor could we ever fully appreciate what it must be like to put a gas mask on a screaming child, or to place your infant in a plastic tent. But we saw and experienced the sealed rooms, the air raid sirens, the sleepless nights and the days without school, Dizengoff Street empty and closed, and business at a near standstill. And underneath it all, the fear of death by gas and of "the rabbit" that Saddam Hussein may yet pull out of his "hat." According to military analyst Hirsh Goodman, this could be a full-scale air attack of 300 planes loaded with chemical weapons; a terrifying new "air combustion bomb" that can suck the air out of a city; or even, G-d forbid, a crude and dirty nuclear weapon which Hirsh believes Iraq may already be prepared to use.

"It was a deeply troubling trip. Israel is at war and the front is everywhere in the country."

Whether or not these rumors are true, the psychological impact is horrible for the men and women and particularly the children of Israel. It troubles sleep, makes work difficult, and creates deep scars.

At the same time, we witnessed the continuing miracle of the rescue of Soviet Jewry. On Thursday, January 24, the day of our arrival, 1200 Soviet and Ethiopian Jews -- four planeloads arrived. We greeted 300 at Ben Gurion Airport within an hour of our arrival. Unlike the last time I greeted a plane, there were no flowers, no flags, no horas. This time, there was a somber intake process -- and gas masks for the newcomers.

"I've dreamed about coming here all my life; Saddam Hussein can't keep me away"

We watched a nine-year old Russian girl as she was fitted with a gas mask by her parents. Several younger Olim were asked by a newsman why they came. Didn't they know about the gas masks and the danger? They knew. They saw it every day on Russian television. They heard about it in daily conversations with relatives in Israel. They knew. But they came because life in Israel still seemed better than life in the Soviet Union. As one twenty-year old put it, "I've dreamed about coming here all my life; Saddam Hussein can't keep me away."

The problems seem overwhelming. The economy is paralyzed by the war. Government expenditures for radically increased military expenses are escalating at a terrifying pace as Israel is forced to stay at maximum alert to prevent even larger scale Iraqi attacks. Productivity is in rapid decline as nervous exhaustion and sleeplessness combine to demoralize the work force. It's hard to concentrate on your work in the middle of a war. It's hard to think about the future when you're concerned about the lives of your children today.

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* *Extensive damage from SCUD missile attacks to buildings and infrastructure*
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* *Maintaining a constant military state of alert*
  Cost ... $400 million

* *A 45% drop in tourism from August through December, followed by the present 80% drop*
  Cost ... $400 million

* *Severe economic stagnation since January 17th has resulted from lost work days, production losses and reduced sales*
  Cost ... $1 billion

* *Insurance increases up to 25 times normal rates have drastically affected normal shipping and airline services*
  Cost ... $180 million

* *Crops are being left unharvested. Export orders are not being filled or delivered.*
  Cost ... $250 million

THE IMPACT ON ORDINARY ISRAELIS

The high cost of security has already had a harsh impact on the daily lives of Israeli citizens...

* *Child subsidies for large families have been abolished.*

* *Services for the needy have already been sharply reduced.*

* *Class size in Israel's schools has been drastically increased.*

* *Prices of basic foods have risen, making it difficult for many people to make ends meet.*

* *Minimum wages have been reduced at a time when prices are rising.*

* *A special immigration tax has been levied on all citizens.*